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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE

OF THE

STATE OF GEORGIA.

FROM ITS INSTITUTION TO THE END

OF THE

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD IN SAVANNAH, MAY, 1848.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Georgia.

WHEREAS, Alvin N. Miller, G. Butler, John Dorsett, E. Parsons, George W. Miller, Elisha H. Rogers, and Edward Jas. Jones, have, by their memorial, stated that there exist divers Subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in this State, over which there is a presiding or superintending Grand Lodge, composed of the memorialists as members, and others who have joined in promoting the good of the Order, founded on the ancient usages of their society, the principal of which are Charity and universal Benevolence; to the end, therefore, that charitable institutions may be promoted and secured in their rights and privileges.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the several persons herein before named, and others who are or may become members of the Grand Lodge of of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby deemed to be a body politic and corporate, in name and deed, by the style of "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Georgia;" said Lodge to be located at Savannah, and, by said name and style, shall have perpetual succession of Officers and members, and a common seal to use; and shall have full power to make,

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amend, alter and change such by-laws as may be agreed on by the members of the same: *Provided*, such by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State, or the United States.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That they shall have full power and authority under the style and name of "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Georgia," to take, hold, and enjoy real and personal property, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any court of law or equity, or any tribunal having jurisdiction thereof; and also to receive, take, and apply bequests, devises, or donations, that may be made to and for the uses and purposes intended by the said institution; and shall be and are hereby declared to be vested with all powers and advantages, privileges and emoluments of a society of people incorporated to the purpose and intention of their laudable institution.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all regular Subordinate Lodges, under the power and jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge are hereby declared to be bodies corporate and politic, in name and deed, by whatsoever style and name they may be called and known in their constitution, with equal powers to those which are hereby granted to the said "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Georgia," so long as the said Subordinate Lodges remain under the power and jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, and in all things abide by and conform themselves to the Resolutions and By-Laws of the same, and no longer.

Assented to, 28*th December*, 1843.

I. O. O. F.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
SAVANNAH, NOV. 13th, 1843.

Oglethorpe Lodge No. 1, Live Oak No. 3, Savannah, and Franklin No. 2, Macon, Georgia, having applied to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States for a charter for a State Grand Lodge, and said application being granted, Dist. Deputy Grand Sire CASE, of South Carolina, was deputed to open said Grand Lodge according to the ancient usages and customs of the Order. At a meeting, held as above, the following Past Grands were present, viz:

Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1.—Alvin N. Miller, John Dorsett, G. Butler, E. H. Rogers, E. S. Kempton.

Franklin Lodge, No. 2.—Guy L. Warren.

Live Oak Lodge, No. 3.—E. Parsons, E. J. Jones, G. W. Miller.

The D. D. Grand Sire taking the Chair, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, was regularly organized, and proceeded immediately to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows, viz:

A. N. MILLER,	*M. W. Grand Master.*
G. L. WARREN,	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
E. PARSONS,	*R. W. Grand Warden.*
G. W. MILLER,	*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
E. H. ROGERS,	*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
E. S. KEMPTON,	*W. Grand Chaplain.*

Who, after receiving the Grand Lodge and side degrees, were regularly installed into their respective offices

and the charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, was formally presented to them.

The Grand Master taking the Chair, made the following appointments:

G. BUTLER,	*W. Grand Conductor.*
E. J. JONES,	*W. Grand Marshal.*
J. DORSETT,	*W. Grand Guardian.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three, with the Grand Master as Chairman, be appointed to draft a Constitution and general Laws, to be presented at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, also that the Grand Master be authorized to procure a suitable Seal for the Grand Lodge. The following are the names of said committee: A. N. Miller, E. Parsons, and G. Butler.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge temporaily adopt the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, with the privilege of suspending such parts as may be deemed proper, and that the Regular Meetings therein mentioned be considered null and void.

And further Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hold their annual communications on the first Wednesday in August, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and their semi-annual communications on the first Wednesday in February at the same hour.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Master be authorized, on the application of five or more Brethren, with approved cards, to grant dispensations, and open or cause to be opened, by a proper officer, new Lodges in this State during the interval of the meetings of the Grand Lodge.

An application was then made, by seven Brethren, for a dispensation for a Lodge to be located and instituted at Columbus, Geo., under the name and style of Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F. The proper papers accompanying it,

On motion, *Resolved*, That said dispensation be granted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned till to-morrow evening, at 6 o'clock.

SAVANNAH, Nov. 14th, 1843.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met — Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; Guy L. Warren, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; E. Parsons, R. W. Grand Warden; G. W. Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary; E. J. Jones, W. Grand Marshal. A quorum not being present, no business was transacted.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 7th, 1844.

A regular semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Odd Fellows' Hall this evening — Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; E. Parsons, R. W. Grand Warden; G. W. Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary; E. H. Rogers, R. W. Grand Treasurer; E. J. Jones, W. Grand Marshal; G. Butler, W. Grand Conductor.

A quorum not being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in the Scarlet Degree, when the certificates of P. G. John Oliver, of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1; P. G. Lemmon, of Muscogee, No. 6; P. G. Holmes, of Franklin, No. 3; P. G. Leeds, of Live Oak, No. 3; P. G. Rockwell, of Sylvan, No. 4; were presented, and the Grand Lodge degree conferred upon them; the Grand Lodge was then opened in the Grand Lodge degree with the usual forms and ceremonies. The minutes of the 13th and 14th of November, and December 29th, were read and confirmed. The Grand Master made the following appointments:

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

Past Grand J. OLIVER, Oglethorpe, No. 1.
" I. HOLMES, Franklin, No. 2.
" E. J. JONES, Live Oak, No. 3.

FINANCE.

Past Grand G. BUTLER, Oglethorpe, No. 1.
" ROCKWELL, Sylvan, No. 4.
" LEEDS, Live Oak, No. 3.

ON GRIEVANCES OF LODGES.

Past Grand G. BUTLER, Oglethorpe, No. 1.
" I. HOLMES, Franklin, No. 2.
" ROCKWELL, Sylvan, No. 4.
" LEMMON, Muscogee, No. 6.
" E. PARSONS, Live Oak, No. 3.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand E. PARSONS, Live Oak, No. 3.
" LEMMON, Muscogee, No. 6.
" E. H. ROGERS, Oglethorpe, No. 1.

Quarterly returns were received from the several Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, together with the per centages due the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns. The following certificates were also referred to the above Committee for examination, viz: Past Grands Oliver, of Oglethorpe, No. 1; Holmes, of Franklin, No. 2; Leeds, of Live Oak, No. 3; Rockwell, of Sylvan, No. 4; Lemmon, of Muscogee, No. 6.

The following report was made, and, on motion, was accepted, and ordered to be placed upon the minutes:

We, the undersigned members of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and Committee on Elections and Returns, beg leave to submit the following report, viz: — Returns have been made by the following Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge — Oglethorpe, No. 1; Franklin,

No. 2; Live Oak, No. 3; Sylvan, No. 4; United Brothers, No. 5; Muscogee, No. 6; having examined said Reports, found them in proper form. The certificates of the following Brothers have been examined by your Committee, viz:—J. Oliver, of Oglethorpe, No. 1, who has served one regular term each, as Secretary, V. G. and N. G. Brother Lemmon, of Muscogee, No. 6, has brought a certificate of his election as Representative, but not of his having filled any office; but your Committee from the returns of his Lodge are fully satisfied that he served as N. G. the first term of said Lodge; and from the returns of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, that Brother Holmes has served one regular term as V. G. and N. G.

All of which they respectfully submit,

JOHN OLIVER, *Chairman.*

The R. W. Grand Warden was then instructed to deliver the degrees to the above named brothers, according to the offices they had filled.

The Finance Committee reported the following bills to be correct:

D. D. G. Sire A. Case, for books,	$22 00	
R. H. Howell, seal,	13 00	
G'd. Secretary, postages and stationery,	9 93	—$44 93

All of which were passed for payment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to superintend such printing as the Lodge may direct, and said Committee was appointed—Past Grands Parsons, Rockwell and Oliver.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge pay brother A. Case the sum of $20, in part payment of his expenses in opening the Lodge.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Printing Committee procure a sufficient number of Blank Charters for the Subordinate Lodges.

On motion, *Resolved* also, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure an iron Safe, for the safe keeping of books, papers, &c. of the Grand Lodge, not to exceed in expense the sum of Forty Dollars.

The Committee on Laws, appointed by the Grand Master at the organization of the Lodge, requested to be discharged, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That said Committee be discharged, and the Chair appoint a new Committee of five, to draft a Constitution and General Laws, and that they Report as soon as practicable.

Whereupon, the said Committee was appointed—P. Grands Holmes, Butler, Parsons, Rockwell and Oliver.

The bond of the Grand Treasurer was received and accepted.

The Grand Secretary reported per centages from the following Lodges, viz:

Oglethorpe, No. 1,	$59 00	
Franklin, No. 2,	63 71	
Live Oak, No. 3,	28 30	
Sylvan, No. 4,	49 78	
United Brothers, No. 5,	32 40	
Muscogee, No. 6,	71 87	—$305 06

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet again tomorrow evening, 8th inst., at same place and hour.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
SAVANNAH, FEB. 8th, 1844.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met—Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; E. Parsons, R. W. Grand Warden; E. H. Rogers, R. W. Grand Treasurer; G. W. Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary; G. Butler, W. Grand Conductor; Past Grands Leeds, No. 3; Rockwell, No. 4; Lemmon, No. 6.

The Committee on Laws made a verbal report that they were progressing, and desired further time which was granted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned till Thursday evening, the 15th, and was closed in due form.

FEBRUARY 15th, 1844.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met — Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; E. Parsons, R. W. Grand Warden; G. W. Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary; E. H. Rogers, R. W. Grand Treasurer; E. J. Jones, W. Grand Marshal; G. Butler, W. Grand Conductor; Past Grands Rockwell, No. 4; Oliver, No. 1; Leeds, No. 3.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and General Laws was called, and being read, was, on motion, received.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME, STYLE AND TITLE.

Section 1. The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the State of Georgia, shall be composed of the duly received and regularly qualified Past Grands of all the Subordinate Lodges in the State, its own present and past officers formally installed, and the legally qualified representatives of said Subordinate Lodges; and the members above enumerated shall be the only voters in said Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

POWERS AND JURISDICTION.

Section 1. The Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship within the State, and is the supreme tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction. No Lodge can be formed or continue to exist without its sanction; it possesses the sole and exclusive right of granting charters for Subordinate Lodges; of suspending, annulling, or repealing the same; of receiving, hearing and determining appeals from the decisions and decrees of Subordinate Lodges, and redressing grievances therein; of granting dispensations; of granting and regulating the means of its own support; and of doing all such other acts as are promotive of the interest of the Order, and in accordance with its ancient usages and customs.

Section 2. The meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held semi-annually, on the first Wednesday of February and August, in each year; the session in August to be denominated the annual session. Sessions may also be held at the times to which the Grand Lodge may think proper to adjourn, and when assembled at the summons of the Grand Master on the application of any five or more members, or when, in his judgment, the interests of the Order may require. Seven Past Grands, representing at least three Lodges, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. At the annual session, all the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall present their reports of the business of the year, together with their dues, in the form annexed to this Constitution; new members shall be admitted to their seats; the Grand officers elected, and such other business transacted as may be necessary to the prosperity of the Order. At the semi-annual session, no business shall be transacted involving the expenditure of the funds of the Grand Lodge,

except ordering the payment of any appropriation made, or incidental expenses authorized at the annual session, or for such salaries as may be provided for in this Constitution. No business shall be transacted at any special session but such as shall be distinctly stated on the notification to the members of the time of holding the same.

Section 4. All questions before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present, except when otherwise ordered in this Constitution; but the Representatives of two subordinate Lodges may require the yeas and nays to be taken and recorded, in which case the vote shall be taken by Lodges, whose votes shall be ascertained by polling the Representatives of each subordinate Lodge separately, and the majority shall cast the vote of the Lodge; when the Representation is equally divided, the vote shall not be counted.

Section 5. The Representation from the subordinate Lodges shall be apportioned among them according to a fixed ratio, which shall be ascertained and determined by the Grand Lodge from time to time, as two-thirds of the subordinate Lodges represented therein, and a majority of the Past Grands present, may determine.

Section 6. The ratio of Representation shall be, (until altered,) as prescribed in the fifth section of these articles, as follows: every Lodge numbering *thirty* or less contributing members shall be entitled to send one Representative; if over *thirty*, and not exceeding *eighty*, two Representatives; over *one hundred and fifty*, three Representatives: *Provided*, that no Representation of any Lodge that is in arrears for two successive quarters, shall be entitled to vote in the Grand Lodge until such arrearages are paid.

Section 7. The Representatives of Lodges shall be chosen from among the Past Grands, who are in membership thereof, by ballot, to serve for the term of one year, commencing on the day appointed for holding the annual communication, and ending on the day preceding the next annual communication. A Past Grand under suspension

in his subordinate Lodge shall not be eligible nor entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, until such time as his suspension is determined.

Section 8. The Grand Lodge may, in its discretion, at any time, on good cause shewn, enlarge the time for the presentations of reports from the subordinate Lodges.

Section 9. The Representation of each Lodge which has reported *fifty* or more contributing members shall be entitled to two votes, and of each Lodge which has reported a less number one vote, when questions are determined by Lodges.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, &C.

Section 1. The M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and W. Grand Chaplain, shall be elected at the annual communication in each year: *Provided*, there is a quorum present, if not, as soon thereafter as practicable. At the same time, the Grand Master shall appoint the Grand Conductor, Grand Guardian, and Grand Marshal.

Section 2. No Past Grand shall be balloted for who has not been previously nominated.

Section 3. The Grand Conductor shall, at each election, present the ballot-box to every one as he is called by the Grand Secretary, and having collected all the ballots shall deliver them to the presiding officer, who shall appoint two tellers to count the same and report the result. Every Past Grand in good standing in this Lodge, and who is a member of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote for each officer; and all Past Grands who may not attend the Grand Lodge shall be allowed to write their votes for Grand officers, attach their signatures, verified by the seal of the Lodge, and forward the same to the Grand Secre-

tary, and the same shall be counted as if the P. G. were present. A majority of votes shall determine the election. If there should be no election on the first ballot, a new balloting shall be had, and a majority of the votes of the members present shall prevail, and the candidate declared duly elected.

Section 4. The Grand Representative shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the other Grand Officers; and his expenses to the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be paid by this Grand Lodge, until the Grand Lodge of the United States shall otherwise direct.

Section 5. The Officers of the Grand Lodge and the Representatives of Lodges shall receive two dollars *per diem*, and two dollars for every thirty miles of travel on their attendance on the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Section 6. No member of the Grand Lodge shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master or as Grand Representative unless he has attained the R. P. degree.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS, &C.

Section 1. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge when present, preserve order therein, decide all questions of order, and shall have power to enforce such decision by fine or suspension, subject however to an appeal to the Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote on all occasions, except in the election of officers; appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge; sign all orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all other documents requiring his signature; grant dispensations for conferring degrees, and for other matters wherein immediate action is necessary; and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, a quarterly password to every subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction. He shall be received by a subordinate Lodge, when

visiting in full regalia, with the honors attached to his office. He shall have power, in the absence of the D. G. M. and District D. G. M., to appoint a qualified P. Grand to open newly chartered Lodges, install their officers and present their charters, and he shall, assisted by the other Grand Officers, visit and inspect the books, proceedings and work of the subordinate Lodges once in each year, or oftener if he deems it necessary. He may appoint, in his discretion, one or more District Deputy Grand Masters, not exceeding three, as the interests of the Order may require.

Section 2. The Deputy Grand Master shall be invested with the powers of the Grand Master during his absence, and shall act as his assistant when present.

Section 3. The Grand Warden shall preside in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; and *ex-officio* confer degrees on all Past Officers qualified to receive them.

Section 4. The Grand Secretary shall attend in person at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, with the books and papers of the Lodge, under the penalty of one dollar, and in case of his absence shall transmit the same under the penalty of five dollars, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge; he shall keep a just and true record of the proceedings, preserve all books, and file all documents relating thereto; summon members to attend at all special sessions; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer; keep accurate accounts with the subordinate Lodges, and report all delinquent Lodges; collect all moneys due the Grand Lodge, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, taking a receipt for the same; attest all dispensations granted by the Grand Master; receive all documents relating to the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Master, or to the Grand Lodge, if in session; conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; attend all

committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; annually transmit a regular report of the Order in the State to the Grand Lodge of the United States; keep a register of all the members of the Grand Lodge, and to what subordinate Lodge belonging; notify all subordinate Lodges two weeks or more previous to each stated meeting of the Grand Lodge; prepare all charters granted by the Grand Lodge, and affix the seal thereto, and attend to all business not here enumerated and coming properly within his duties; and he shall receive, as a compensation, such sum as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, deem necessary.

Section 5. The Grand Treasurer shall keep his books in a fair and legible manner, exhibiting an account of all moneys received and paid away by him for the use and by order of the Grand Lodge. He shall attend all committees, when required, with such books and papers as may be necessary for their reference, and give bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend every meeting of the Grand Lodge, to open and close the same with prayer.

Section 7. The necessary expenses of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, in attending any communication of this Grand Lodge, or in the performance of any duty required by the Grand Lodge, except instituting new Lodges, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of each annual session:

1. Committee of Elections and Returns.
2. Committee of Finance.

3. Committee on Correspondence.

4. Committee on Grievances of Subordinate Lodges.

5. Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

6. Committee on Printing.

Section 2. The Committee of Election and Returns shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the returns of subordinate Lodges and on the election and elegibility of members.

Section 3. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, previous to their being passed for payment; to render the accounts of the Grand Treasurer quarterly, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge; and to suggest such measures of Finance as they may deem expedient.

Section 4. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all the correspondence of the Grand Lodge and all accounts for postage.

Section 5. The Committee on Grievances of Subordinate Lodges shall be composed of one member from each Lodge, to whom shall be referred all complaints, appeals and grievances from subordinate Lodges or members thereof, who shall report without delay.

Section 6. The Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred the Constitution and By-Laws of the subordinate Lodges, and who shall report to the Grand Lodge all matters contained therein conflicting with or in violation of this Constitution or the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the ancient usage and customs or land-marks of the Order, and such other matters relative, as they may deem expedient.

Section 7. The Committee on Printing shall be charged with the supervision of all the printing which the Grand Lodge may require to be done.

ARTICLE VI.

INSTALLATION, TERM OF OFFICE, &C.

Section 1. The Grand Officers shall be installed at any time during any of the sessions of the Grand Lodge, or a special session may be called for that purpose. The installation shall regularly take place, if practicable, during the annual communication.

Section 2. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge degree for the transaction of the general business of any communication; but at the installation of officers, the Grand Lodge may be opened in the Scarlet degree, to admit brethren of that degree to witness the ceremony.

Section 3. All officers shall be installed to serve until the next annual session and the installation of their successors. The Standing Committees shall serve until their successors are appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. The present Grand Master or any Past Grand Master, or the senior member present, may install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

Section 5. All vacancies occurring by death, resignation or removal from office, shall be filled as in case of the expiration of the term, and for the residue of the term of the former incumbent.

ARTICLE VII.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Section 1. On the written application of five or more brethren who have attained the Scarlet degree (accom-

panied with their travelling cards, or the certificate of the D. G. M. that the same are in his hands,) praying for the establishment of a Lodge in a place where there is no Lodge; or of ten brethren, five of whom shall be qualified as above, to establish a Lodge in a place where there is already one or more established, the Grand Lodge may, in its discretion, grant them a charter upon the payment of thirty dollars to the Grand Lodge, and two dollars to the Grand Secretary for filling out and sealing the same.

Section 2. The necessary charges and instructions shall be delivered by the Grand Lodge to a new Lodge at or before its opening, and the installation of its officers without any additional expense in the transportation. When a dispensation is granted, the said charges and instructions shall accompany the dispensation.

Section 3. At the termination of each quarterly term every subordinate Lodge shall cause to be made out and forwarded to the Grand Secretary a quarterly return comprising the matters as contained in the form annexed to this Constitution, and at the annual communication an annual return setting forth in full the matters as embraced in the form also annexed to this Constitution.

Section 4. No Lodge shall be opened or remain open unless there shall be present five brethren, including one qualified to take the chair; and every Lodge, after the transaction of its business, shall be closed in due form. No Lodge shall be permitted to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole or adjourn from time.

Section 5. The elective officers of a subordinate Lodge shall be — N. G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, and Permanent Secretary or Syndic; the first four shall be elected quarterly and the last, annually, by ballot. A majority of all the votes present shall be necessary to a choice; but if more than two brethern be in nomination for any office, the brother having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped at each successive ballot, until a choice is made. No Past Officer shall be elected to an

office past until he shall have been at least two full terms out of office, unless there be no other brother in nomination, or unless the regular nominees decline. The newly elected officers shall be installed at or before the first session of the quarter for which they are elected. No member shall be eligible as N. G. until he shall have filled the chair of V. G. for and during a quarterly term, nor as V. G. until he shall have served for one quarter at least in some appointed office.

Section 6. The following shall be the appointed officers: R. and L. H. S. to N. G., Warden, Conductor, O. and I. Guardians, S. S. who shall be appointed by the N. G., R. and L. H. S. to V. G. who shall be appointed by the V. G. Any elective or appointed officer who shall absent himself for more than four successive Lodge nights, without sufficient excuse, to be judged of by the Lodge, shall vacate his seat, and in all cases when the absence of an officer is excused, the cause of his absence shall be entered on the minutes of the Lodge.

Section 7. The name, age, and place of abode of every applicant for initiation or membership, shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Lodge, and the N. G. and V. G. shall conjointly appoint a committee to investigate the character of the applicant, and report thereon, which shall be made before the application is acted upon. The application shall be determined by ballot and not otherwise, and if, on examining the ballots, but one dissenting ballot be found, the question shall lie over until the next meeting; if more than one, and not exceeding three, the candidate shall be declared rejected, but his application may be reconsidered by ballot at any time after the space of three months from the time of rejection, which balloting shall be final, and if more than one dissenting ballot be cast, he shall be declared rejected; if more than three dissenting ballots be cast at any balloting, the candidate shall be rejected, nor shall any reconsideration be had thereof. Notice of all rejections, whether final or other-

wise, shall be sent to all the Lodges in the State and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Section 8. Each subordinate Lodge shall pay quarterly to the Grand Lodge ten per cent. on its receipts for initiations, degrees, and admissions to membership, according to the scale fixed in this Constitution.

Section 9. No subordinate Lodge shall receive or entertain a proposition for the admission of a minor or person within the age of twenty-one years; nor shall any person be received into this Order for a less sum than five dollars, nor admitted as a member of any Lodge for a less sum than two dollars. The five degrees shall not be conferred on any person for a less sum than ten dollars.

Section 10. Any subordinate Lodge failing to make its return and pay its dues to the Grand Lodge as required by this Constitution, for two annual communications in succession, shall become extinct, and at the next annual communication its charter shall be declared forfeited. Upon the forfeiture of the charter of a Lodge, the last installed officer shall, within three months, transmit to the Grand Secretary, or such person as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge, the charter, books, papers, jewels, and furniture of said Lodge.

Section 11. Members of extinct Lodges who were clear of the books of such Lodge at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable him to apply for admission into another Lodge; and no member from an extinct Lodge shall be received as a visiter or member into any existing Lodge, without such certificate.

Section 12. Any subordinate Lodge may grant a certificate of honorary membership to any brother who has taken the Scarlet degree, which shall entitle him to all the privileges of Odd Fellowship within the State, and exonerate him from the weekly and all other contributions to said

Lodge; but the brother receiving such certificate shall not be entitled, at any time thereafter, to the benefits of the Lodge, until he shall have been received as a contributing member during the space of twelve months, from the surrender of the certificate. No certificate shall be granted for a less sum than ten dollars.

Section 13. No subordinate Lodge shall admit to membership, either by initiation or otherwise, any person who has been rejected by any other Lodge; nor shall any Lodge receive in membership any person who has previously been a member of the Order, by new initiation or otherwise, unless he produce satisfactory testimony, by card or other means, of having honorably withdrawn from the Lodge of which he was last a member, and that he is not an expelled or suspended member of the Order.

Section 14. In case of a failure or deficiency in the funds of the Grand Lodge, the same shall be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges, according to their representation.

Section 15. No subordinate Lodge shall have power to confer the five degrees in any place where there shall be a degree Lodge in existence, without a dispensation from the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DEGREE LODGES.

Section 1. On the application of ten brethren of the Scarlet degree, five of whom shall be P. G's. accompanied by the fee of ten dollars, praying for a warrant to open a Degree Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and such Degree Lodge shall be constituted and receive its charter and necessary lectures and instructions in the same manner as is herein provided for the subordinate Lodges.

Section 2. At the end of each Degree Lodge term, all Degree Lodges shall report to the Grand Lodge the work of the term, in the form annexed to this Constitution, accompanied by whatever amount may be due the Grand Lodge; and at the annual session, a full return of the members of the Lodge.

Section 3. No Degree Lodge shall admit or retain in membership any brother who is not at the time a regular contributing member of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, unless his card is in possession of the Grand Lodge, or one of its officers, as an applicant for a charter.

Section 4. Each Degree Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge semi-annually all surplus funds remaining on hand in said Lodge over and above the sum of five hundred dollars, of whatsoever nature they may be, exclusive of all regalia, emblems and furniture for Degree Lodge use, or interest in the buildings or apartments, where the same may be held.

Section 5. The funds of a Degree Lodge are not liable to be in any manner distributed among the members individually, or to be divided between one Degree Lodge and another; but shall exist the property of the Lodge so long as its charter is unclaimed and five brethren in good standing remain members thereof, qualified to hold the principal offices.

ARTICLE IX.

OF REGALIA, JEWELS, &C.

Section 1. The regalia of the M. W. G. M. and members of the Grand Lodge shall consist of a scarlet apron, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe; a scarlet collar, trimmed with yellow lace, with three gold or gilt stars on each, with scarlet centres.

Section 2. The jewels of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, of yellow metal, viz:

For Grand Master, a five pointed open star, with meridian sun in the centre.

For D. G. M., a five pointed open star, rising sun in the centre.

For G. W., a five pointed open star, hour-glass in the centre.

For G. Sec'ry., a five pointed open star, crossed pens in the centre.

For G. Treas'r., a five pointed open star, crossed keys in the centre.

For G. G., a five pointed open star, crossed swords in the centre.

For P. G. M. same as G. M., with white silling on the external margin.

For P. G., a five pointed open star, hand and heart in the centre.

Section 3. The regalia of subordinate Lodges shall be as follows, viz:

For N. G., scarlet collar, trimmed with white; white apron, with scarlet border, trimmed with white fringe or lace.

For V. G., blue collar, trimmed with white; white apron, trimmed with white fringe or lace.

For P. G., scarlet collar, trimmed with white, and three stars on each side; scarlet apron, trimmed with white fringe or lace.

For Secretary and Treasurer, green collars, trimmed with white lace; white aprons.

For R. and L. H. S. to N. G. and O. G., scarlet sashes or collars, with rosettes, according to degree.

For R. and L. H. S. to V. G. and I. G., blue sashes or collars, with rosettes, according to degree.

For W. and C., black sashes.

For S. S., white caps and robes, to correspond with collars or sashes, in color.

Section 4. The jewels of subordinate Lodges shall be of white metal, as follows: for N. G., crossed gavils; V.

G., hour-glass; Secretary, crossed pens; Treasurer, crossed keys; Conductor, crossed rods; Warden, crossed axes; O. G., crossed sabres; I. G., crossed swords.

Section 5. The full regalia of a Degree Lodge, of the N. G., D. N. G. and D. A. N. G. shall be scarlet collars; of the N. G., scarlet sash; of the V. G., blue collar; Secretary and Treasurer, green collars, each of which to be trimmed with white; O. G., scarlet sash; I. G,, blue sash; W. and C., blue sashes; and of the unofficial members, white collars, trimmed with scarlet; and of all, except P. G's., white aprons, trimmed according to rank and office, caps and robes to correspond with collars.

Section 6. The Degree Lodge jewels shall be of white metal, except the P. G's., as follows:

For N. G., a five pointed open star, with breast plate in the centre.

For D. N. G. and D. A. N. G., a five pointed open star, crossed gavils in the centre.

For P. G., a five pointed open star, (yellow) hand and heart in the centre.

For V. G., a five pointed open star, (white) hour-glass in the centre.

For Secretary, crossed pens; W., crossed axes; O. G., crossed sabres; Treasurer, crossed keys; Conductor, crossed rods; I. G., crossed swords.

Section 7. The past official regalia in the subordinate and Degree Lodge elective officers is the same as the office past, excepting P. G.

ARTICLE X.

OF AMENDMENTS, ALTERATIONS, &C.

Section 1. Neither this Constitution nor any portion thereof, shall be altered, annulled, suspended, or amended, unless the proposition be made by the Representatives of two subordinate Lodges in writing at a regular session, which shall be referred to the next annual session, entered

on the record, and reported by the Grand Secretary to all the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction. At the annual session succeeding the session at which the amendments or alterations were proposed, and not sooner, it may be determined, but shall require two-thirds of the votes by Representatives and a majority of the Past Grands to adopt the same.

A communication from P. G. Holmes, of No. 2, submitting sundry resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, was received by the Grand Secretary, and ordered to be read. The following resolutions were passed:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers shall be elected at the annual communication in each year, provided a quorum be present, if not, as soon after as practicable, and no Past Grand shall be balloted for, who has not been previously nominated, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward to each subordinate Lodge a list of the nominees.

2d. *Resolved*, That every P. G. in good standing in his Lodge, and who is a member of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote for each officer, and all P. G's. who may not attend the Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to write their votes, for Grand Officers attach their signatures verified by the seal of the Lodge, of which they are members, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary, and the same shall be counted as if the P. G. were present, a majority of votes shall determine the election. If there should be no election on the first balloting, a new balloting shall be had, and a majority of the votes of the members present shall prevail, and the candidate declared duly elected.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Grand Representative shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the Grand Officers, and his expenses to the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be paid by this Grand Lodge.

4th. *Resolved*, That the necessary expenses of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, in attending any communication of the Grand Lodge, or in the performance of any

duty required by the Grand Lodge, except instituting new Lodges, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Rockwell, it was *Resolved*, That the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Representatives of Lodges, shall receive two dollars per diem, and two dollars for every thirty miles of travel for their attendance on Grand Lodge.

The Finance Committee reported the following bill correct, viz: W. F. Shearer, services, two dollars and twenty-five cents.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars per annum be the salary of the Grand Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Constitution and General Laws, reported by the Committee, be adopted as a whole.

It was further *Resolved*, That the Printing Committee be authorized to procure a sufficient number of By-Laws, and blank Dispensations, Charters, &c.

The M. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge, that this evening was the proper time, under our By-Laws, for nomination of officers to serve the ensuing year.

P. G. Rockwell, of No. 4, nominated the present officers.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
SAVANNAH, AUG. 7th, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met this evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, it being its regular annual communication: present, A. N. Miller, M. W. G. M.; E. Parsons, R. W. G. W.; G. W. Miller, R. W. G. S.; E. H. Rogers, R. W. G. T.; G. Butler, W. G. C.; E. J. Jones, W. G. M.

There not being a quorum present, the Grand Master declared the Lodge duly opened in the Scarlet Degree.

Brothers P. G's. Wayne and Scott, of Oglethorpe, No. 1; Morel, of Live Oak, No. 3; Wing, of Sylvan, No. 4; Austen, of Washington, No. 7, presented their certificates, and by order of the Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Warden proceeded to examine the applicants, and being found correct, delivered to them the Grand Lodge Degree. The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Scarlet Degree, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The minutes of the semi-annual communication were read and confirmed. The Committee on Elections were presented, with the quarterly reports of subordinate Lodges and certificates of representation—there being but one of that Committee present, the places of the absentees were temporarily filled by the Grand Master appointing P. G's. Wayne and Austen, and, they having retired, made the following report:

We, the undersigned members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, Committee on Elections and Returns, beg leave to submit the following report, viz:

Reports have been made by the following Lodges under this jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, viz: Oglethorpe, No. 1; Live Oak, No. 3; Sylvan, No. 4; United Brothers, No. 5; Washington, No. 7. We also report Muscogee, No. 6, as informal, not having seal attached.

This report is for the quarter ending April 30th, 1844. The quarter ending July 31st, we report returns from the following Lodges, viz: Oglethorpe, No. 1; Franklin, No. 2; Sylvan, No. 4; United Brothers, No. 5; Washington, No. 7. We also report Live Oak, No. 3; Muscogee, No. 6; Cherokee, No. 8, informal, not having seals attached to reports.

The certificates of the following brothers have been examined by your Committee, viz: R. Wayne, No. 1, who has served a regular term as V. G. and N. G.; John Scott, Jr., No. 1, regular term as Permanent Secretary, V. G. and N. G.; J. S. Morel, No. 3, a regular term as V. G. and N. G.

Brothers R. Wayne, E. H. Rogers and A. N. Miller, No. 1; E. Parsons and J. S. Morel, No. 3; P. O. Wing, No. 4; and Robert Austen, No. 7, have presented their certificates of being regularly elected Representatives to this R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, from the several Lodges to which they belong.

R. WAYNE,
R. AUSTEN, } *Committee.*
E. J. JONES,

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to return the reports that were informal to the respective Lodges, with the request that they be rectified.

The Grand Warden then proceeded to deliver the Side Degrees, to brothers, according to their eligibility.

The Grand Master appointed P. G's. J. Scott, Jr., and P. O. Wing, in place of brothers Rockwell and Leeds, Committee on Finance, who having been presented with the Grand Secretary's and Treasurer's reports and sundry bills against the Lodge, made the following report:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave respectfully to report the following bills:

Messrs. Locke & Davis, printing,	$55 00	
Republican Press, printing,	18 00	
Thomas Purse, sundries,	4 00	
S. Philbrick, iron safe, &c.,	40 00	—117 00

They have also examined the Grand Treasurer's report, and find it correct, showing a balance due by him of eight hundred dollars and thirty-nine cents, also the Grand Secretary's report has been examined and found correct.

G. BUTLER,
P. O. WING, } *Committee.*
J. SCOTT, Jr.

This report was, on motion, received and adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was, on motion, received, viz:

The Committee on Printing report they have procured three hundred copies of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, a sample of which is before you, they have also procured seventy-five Charters printed on pearl paper; the type of the Eagle they ordered from New York, cost five dollars and fifty cents, which is the property of the Lodge; a sample of the Charters is before you, all of which is respectfully submitted.

E. PARSONS, *Chairman.*

There having been no Committee appointed at the organization of this Lodge, for the supervision of By-Laws, the Grand Master appointed brothers Past Grands Parsons, Wing and Austen, said Committee.

The Grand Secretary stated to the Lodge he had requested the several Lodges to send him a copy of their By-Laws, and he had received them from the following Lodges, viz: Oglethorpe, No. 1; Live Oak, No. 3; Sylvan, No. 4; Muscogee, No. 6 and Washington, No. 7; which he submitted to the Committee on supervision of By-Laws.

The evening being far advanced, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 5 o'clock to-morrow evening.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
SAVANNAH, AUG. 8th, 5 o'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met—Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; E. Parsons, R. W. G. Warden; E. H. Rogers, R. W. Grand Treasurer; G. Butler, W. Grand Conductor; P. G's Wayne and Scott, No. 1; Morel, No. 3; Wing, No. 4: Austen, No. 7.

The Committee on Supervision of By-Laws, was called up and through their Chairman, made the following report.

The undersigned Committee appointed for the supervision of By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

We find the following articles to militate against the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, viz: Oglethorpe, No. 1, of the Constitution, art. 2d, sec. 1st, latter part clause 2d; art. 2d, sec. 1st, latter part clause 5th; art. 3d, sec. 3d, clause 4th; of the By-Laws, rule 6th, sec. 1st; Live Oak, No. 3, By-Laws, rule 3d, sec. 2d; Sylvan, No. 4, correct; Muscogee, No. 6, art. 2d, sec. 1st, latter part clause 1st; art. 3d, sec. 3d, clause 3d, of the Constitution; Washington No. 7, art. 2d, sec. 7th; art. 3d, latter part sec. 1st, rule 9.

The By-Laws of Franklin, No. 2; United Brothers, No. 5; Cherokee, No. 8; have not been laid before your Committee; your Committee would further report that they have examined and find many discrepances in the manner of conducting the elections of members of various Subordinate Lodges, and in order to produce uniformity throughout the State, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the several Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to adopt immediately sec. 7, of art. 7, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or make their By-Laws conform to the same, all of which is respectfully submitted.

E. PARSONS,
R. AUSTEN, } *Committee.*
P. O. WING,

And be it further *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary notify the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge of all the articles of the By-Laws, which now conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, requesting their immediate correction.

The following resolution was offered by brother E. Parsons:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report all members entitled to pay by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the amount due each.

P. G. Parsons, Morel and Butler, constituted that Committee.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Wing:

Resolved, That the name of no candidate for admission into any Subordinate Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be withdrawn, after the Investigating Committee have made their report.

The Grand Secretary's annual report was received, read and ordered to be placed upon the minutes. The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock this evening.

ODD FELLOW'S HALL,
SAVANNAH, AUG. 8th, 9 o'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met—Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; E. Parsons, R. W. Grand Warden; G. W. Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary; E. H. Rogers, R. W. Grand Treasurer; G. Butler, W. Grand Conductor; P. G's Scott, No. 1; Morel, No. 3; Wing, No. 4; Austen, No. 7.

The Committee to whom was referred the pay of Officers and Representation, made the following report, which was read and adopted.

The Special Committee, appointed to ascertain the number of Officers and Representation entitled to emolument at and since the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, beg leave to report the following members entitled to the amount set opposite their names.

A. N. Miller,	$14 00
E. Parsons,	14 00
G. W. Miller,	10 00
E. H. Rogers,	14 00
G. Butler,	10 00
E. J. Jones,	6 00
W. S. Rockwell,	31 00
D. S. Lemmon,	42 00
R. Wayne,	4 00
J. S. Morel,	4 00
P. O. Wing,	29 00
R. Austen,	22 00

E. PARSONS,
G. BUTLER, } *Committee.*
J. S. MOREL,

The Grand Master stated it was necessary at this communication to elect a Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Past Grand Parsons was nominated.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That when only one candidate was before the Lodge, the usual form of balloting shall be dispensed with, and vote *viva voce.*

Past Grand Parsons was then unanimously elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That when our Grand Representative attends the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be held at Baltimore, he be authorized to procure such Regalia and Jewels as are prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, also saddle, bridle and trappings for Grand Marshal, and the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay his draft for the same, provided the same does not exceed in amount three hundred dollars.

Application was made by the Grand Secretary for a charter for Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, which was granted.

The Grand Master stated to the Grand Lodge that since the semi-annual communication, nothing of importance had come before him, with the exception of an application of seven brothers of the Scarlet Degree, in good standing in Augusta, Georgia, for a dispensation to open a Lodge in said place; that he had deputised the Grand Secretary to open said Lodge, which was done under the name and title of Washington Lodge, No. 7; also an application of seven brothers in Marietta, Cobb county, Georgia, which was opened by our R. W. Deputy Grand Master, G. L. Warren, under the name and title of Cherokee Lodge, No. 8. Charters were granted to both.

The Committee on Finance reported Grand Secretary's bill for services to Lodge, at $50 00
W. Shearer's account, lighting up Lodge room, &c. 1 00—$51 00
Correct, and they were passed for payment.

Live Oak Lodge made application to renew the ballot in the case of James Dixon, a rejected applicant for membership, and sufficient reasons having been set forth, the Grand Lodge, on motion, granted the prayer of said petition.

Election of officers to serve for the ensuing year being next in order, and, according to the Constitution, Past Grand officers must be nominated at the communication preceding the annual meeting. The present officers then stood as nominated, viz:

Brother G. M., A. N. Miller, was re-elected to the office of Grand Master, he receiving five votes, blank two; the vote was then taken for Deputy Grand Master, brother Warren receiving two votes, blank six; brothers Austen, of Washington, No. 7, and Wing, of Sylvan, No. 4, were severally nominated for the office, and the ballot resulted in the election of brother R. Austen, of Washington, No. 7, he receiving four votes, and brother Wing receiving three votes. The R. W. Grand Warden resigned his nomination, and brothers Butler, of Oglethorpe, No. 1, and E. J. Jones, of Live Oak, No. 3, were nominated, the ballot resulting in favor of brother Jones, of Live Oak, No. 3, brother Jones five votes, brother Butler three. The R. W. Grand Secretary declined the nomination, and resigned his office, whereupon brother Wayne of Oglethorpe No. 1, was nominated, and being the only candidate, was unanimously elected. Brother E. H. Rogers, was unanimously elected Treasurer, he being the only candidate. The vote was then taken for Grand Chaplain, brother Kempton receiving three votes, blank six; brother Morel was then nominated, and being the only candidate, was unanimously elected.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet again on the 9th instant, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
SAVANNAH, AUG. 9th, 8 o'clock, p. m.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met this evening, opening in the Scarlet Degree, for the purpose of installing the officers elect. Our R. W. Grand Warden, Parsons, rose and made a few remarks, respecting the election of officers on the preceding evening. He did not think that officers who had served one term should succeed themselves; it was in direct contradiction with the established usages and customs of the Order, &c.; concluding with a query whether the old officers who were elected to serve the ensuing term, were again to be installed into office, which being answered in the affirmative, he made the following protest:

With all due respect to the opinions and decision of our M. W. Grand Master and the officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, I most respectfully beg leave to differ on the subject of elections. Having examined the usages of our Order, as far as I am able, I find no precedent to justify the re-election of Grand Master successively, or any other elective officer, excepting Grand Warden and Grand Corresponding Secretary. With a deep sense of the obligation I have taken to obey the laws, customs and usages of our ancient Order, I hereby enter my solemn protest against the installation of those brethren who have been re-elected to be their own successors in office in this Grand Lodge.

E. PARSONS, *R. W. Grand Warden.*

Some discussion here took place as to the propriety of placing the above on the minutes, but as the Grand Warden seemed very anxious to have the same entered upon the minutes, a motion to that effect prevailed, and it was ordered to be entered thereon.

The Grand Master then requested the Grand Warden to occupy his seat and proceed to install the officers elect.

G. Master, A. N. Miller, was then installed Grand Master; R. Austen, Washington No. 7, Deputy Grand Master; E. H. Rogers, Grand Treasurer; J. S. Morel, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Scarlet Degree, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Committee on Finance reported W. F. Shearer's bill, attending to Lodge room, one dollar—correct, which was ordered to be paid.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the sum of ninety dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of our Grand Representative to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the same to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated to pay Representation dues to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Rogers of No. 1, and seconded by Past Grand Morel, of No. 3, for a first reading:

Resolved, That the word *three* in article 2d, section 2d, relative to the constitution of a quorum, for the transaction of business, be altered to *two*, making it read thus: Seven Past Grands, representing at least two Lodges, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be authorised to have fifty copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed, and annex the names, of the brethren of all the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, and the general statistics relating to them, the amount of cost of the same to be paid by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

G. W. MILLER, *Grand Secretary.*

DR. E. H. ROGERS, GRAND TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. CR.

1843.	Cash Received.	Dolls. Cts.	1843.	Cash Paid.	Dolls. Cts.
Nov.....13	To cash from G. S. in sums as per his report.....	902 25	Nov.....13	By Cash Paid Grand Lodge, U. S. charter.....	30 00
			1844.		
			Feb..... 7	" " " Howell, Lodge seal.....	13 00
			" 7	" " " Grand Secretary bill postage and books.....	9 93
			" 7	" " " Grand Secretary to send Bro. Case his bill.....	42 00
			" 7	" " " Shearer, bill services to Grand Lodge.....	2 25
			" 7	" " " Locke & Davis, advertising.....	4 00
			" 7	" " " Discount on draft from Muscogee Lodge, No. 6..	68
				" Balance in Treasury.....	800 39
		902 25			902 25

August 7th, Balance in Treasury,.....$800 39.

E. H. ROGERS, Grand Treasurer.

DR. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ACCOUNT WITH G. W. MILLER, GRAND SECRETARY. CR

1843.	Cash Paid.	Dls. Cts.	1843.	Cash Received.	Dls. Cts
Nov. 13	To vouchers for each amount. as per report,.....	902 25	Nov..... 13	By am't rec'd from Muscogee for charter,.....	30 00
			1844.		
			Feb.....17	" " " Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, dues 31st Dec..	59 00
			" 17	" " " Franklin " No. 2, " "	63 71
			" 17	" " " Live Oak " No. 3, " "	28 30
			" 17	" " " Sylvan " No. 4, " "	49 78
			" 17	" " " U. Brothers " No. 5, " "	32 40
			" 17	" " " Muscogee " No. 6, " "	71 87
			April 1	" " " Oglethorpe " No. 1, " 31st Mar..	40 20
			" 1	" " " Franklin " No. 2, " "	52 17
			" 1	" " " Live Oak " No. 3, " "	37 70
			" 17	" " " Washington " No. 7, charter "	30 00
			" 17	" " " " " dues "	37 51
			" 17	" " " Sylvan " No. 4, " "	9 70
			" 17	" " " U. Brothers " No. 5, " "	46 20
			" 17	" " " Muscogee " No. 6, " "	34 68
			June.....12	" " " Cherokee " No. 8, charter "	30 00
			Aug..... 7	" " " Oglethorpe " No. 1, dues 1st July..	19 30
			" 7	" " " Franklin " No. 2, " "	29 48
			" 7	" " " Live Oak " No. 3, " "	21 20
			" 7	" " " Sylvan, " No. 4, " "	1 80
			" 7	" " " U. Brothers " No. 5, " "	15 72
			" 7	" " " Muscogee " No. 6, " "	40 20
			" 7	" " " Washington " No. 7, " "	106 93
			" 7	" " " Cherokee " No. 8, " "	18 80
		902 25			902 25

SAVANNAH, August 7th, 1844.

G. W. MILLER, GRAND SECRETARY.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
SAVANNAH, FEB. 5th, 1845.

A regular semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Oglethorpe Lodge room this evening at 7 o'clock—Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; R. Austen R. W. Deputy Grand Master; R. Wayne, R. W. Grand Secretary; E. H. Rogers, R. W. Grand Treasurer; E. S. Kempton, W. Grand Guardian; Past Grands Butler, Holmes and E. Parsons.

The Lodge was opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The minutes of the last annual communication were read and confirmed. The certificates of P. G's. Jno. N. Lewis and T. E. Lloyd, of Oglethorpe, No. 1, and J. P. Collins and W. A. Carswell, of Live Oak, No. 3, as Past Grands, also of A. Benton, of Franklin, No. 2, and C. R. Parsons, of United Brothers, No. 5, as Past Grands and Representatives of the Lodges to which they belong, also a certicate of P. G. Holmes, of Franklin, No. 2, Representative for one year, from August 1st, 1844, were received and passed to the Committee on Elections and Returns, who made the following report, viz:

The Committee on Elections and Returns having examined the certificates of the following Past Grands and Representatives, viz: Jno. N. Lewis and T. E. Lloyd, of No. 1, and J. P. Collins and W. A. Carswell, of No. 3, as Past Grands, also certificates of Amos Benton, of Franklin, No. 2, and C. R. Parsons, of United Brothers, No. 5, as Past Grands and Representatives for one year, from August 1st, 1844, of the Lodges to which they belong, also certificates of P. G. Holmes, of Franklin, No. 2, as Representative for one year from August 1st,

1844, find the same correct, and recommend that the side degrees be conferred upon each according to their certificates.

R. WAYNE,
ISAAC HOLMES, } *Committee.*
G. BUTLER, *pro tem.*

They were conducted in and the side degrees conferred upon them.

The Grand Master stated that nothing of importance had transpired or come to his notice since the last annual communication, except the subject of the By-Laws for the government of subordinate Lodges; and it appeared that some of the Lodges had received the impression that they had no right to alter their constitutions to make them conform to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and mentioned Oglethorpe, No. 1, who had upon the requisition of the Grand Lodge being made to them, appointed a Committee to take the subject into consideration, who made the following report, which was adopted by the Lodge, and handed to the Grand Master:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to amend the By-Laws so as to meet the requisitions of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and to refer to that body the constitution for their alteration.

R. W. Grand Representative, E. Parsons, stated that before any action should be taken in this matter, he would state for the information of the Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of the United States had taken up the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and ratified all the articles in it, except section 12 of article 7, and requested him to state it to the Grand Lodge at its next semi-annual communication, and have the same stricken out.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the section be stricken out.

Past Grand T. E. Lloyd, of Oglethorpe, No. 1, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Past Grand E. Parsons:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia transmit to the N. G's. of the several Lodges under its jurisdiction a copy of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge with directions to adopt the same as far as regards subordinate Lodges as the Constitution of their respective Lodges.

The Committee on Finance reported the following bills correct, viz:

E. Parsons, for regalia, &c., - -	$226 69	
W. F. Shearer, services, &c., - -	1 25	—$227 94

Some discussion took place on the subject of altering or amending our Constitution, whereupon Past Grand Holmes, of Franklin, No. 2, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each subordinate Lodge now represented, be appointed to examine the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and make such amendments and suggestions as they may consider necessary for the good of the Order.

The Grand Master appointed the following Past Grands that Committee, viz: T. E. Lloyd, of No. 1, A. Benton, of No. 2, J. P. Collins, of No. 3, C. R. Parsons, of No. 5, R. Austen, of No. 7.

Past Grand Austen, of No. 7, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no member of this Order, residing out of the limits of the State of Georgia, shall be permitted to hold any elective or appointed office in any subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

It being a late hour, the Grand Lodge was, on motion, adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to meet at Live Oak Lodge room.

ODD FELLOW'S HALL,
SAVANNAH, FEB. 6th, 1845—3, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at Live Oak Lodge room—Present, R. Austen, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; E. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden; R. Wayne, R. W. Grand Secretary; E. H. Rogers, R. W. Grand Treasurer; E. S. Kempton, W. Grand Conductor; Past Grands E. Parsons, I. Holmes, John Scott, Jr., G. Butler, John N. Lewis, T. E. Lloyd, C. R. Parsons, A. Benton, J. P. Collins.

Past Grand R. Austen, R. W. D. G. M. took the Chair, and the Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Committee appointed last evening to take into consideration, altering the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, being called up, the Chairman stated that they were not ready to report and asked for further time, which was granted.

Resolved, That further time be granted to the Committee and that one Past Grand from each subordinate Lodge unrepresented, be added to said Committee.

The Grand Master having made his appearance, Past Grand Austen vacated his seat, and the Grand Master took the Chair.

The quarterly returns of subordinate Lodges were then placed in the hands of the Committee on Elections and Returns, as follows, viz:

Oglethorpe,	No. 1,	30th	September	and	31st	December.	
Franklin,	" 2,	"	"	"	"	"	
Live Oak,	" 3,	"	"	"	"	"	
Sylvan,	" 4,	"	"				
U. Brothers,	" 5,	"	"	"	"	"	
Muscogee,	" 6,	"	"				
Washington,	" 7,	"	"	"	"	"	
Cherokee,	" 8,	"	"	"	"	"	

We, the undersigned Committee on Elections and Returns, have examined the above quarterly returns of Lodges and found the same correct.

R. WAYNE,
ISAAC HOLMES, } *Committee.*
C. R. PARSONS,

The Finance Committee were requested to ascertain the amount due to Grand officers and representatives, this semi-annual communication, who retired and made the following report.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following officers and representatives entitled to the sums set opposite their respective names, for attendance on Grand Lodge at this semi-annual communication, viz:

A. N. Miller,	$8 00
R. Austen,	28 00
R. Wayne,	8 00
E. H. Rogers,	8 00
A. Benton,	30 00
C. R. Parsons,	30 00
I. Holmes,	30 00
E. J. Jones,	2 00
E. Parsons,	4 00
E. S. Kempton,	4 00
	$152 00

We also report W. F. Shearer's account for preparing room, one dollar—correct; dated 6th February, 1845.

G. BUTLER,
E. J. JONES, } *Committee.*
A. BENTON,

The Grand Secretary acknowledges receipts from the following Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge:

Oglethorpe,	No.	1,	quarter	ending	30th Sept.,	$14	20
"	"	1,	"	"	31st Dec.,	24	70
Franklin,	"	2,	"	"	30th Sept.,	16	93
"	"	2,	"	"	31st Dec.,	20	34
Live Oak,	"	3,	"	"	30th Sept.,	21	45
"	"	3,	"	"	31st Dec.,	12	65
U. Brothers,	"	5,	"	"	30th Sept.,	14	71
"	"	5,	"	"	31st Dec.,	13	50
Muscogee,	"	6,	"	"	30th Sept.,	6	00
Washington	"	7,	"	"	31st Dec.,	4	00
Cherokee,	"	8,	"	"	31st Dec.,	7	00
						$155	48

The Corresponding Committee was then called and they retired and brought in the following report.

The Committee on Correspondence have the pleasure to report that the Grand Secretary has conducted the correspondence of this Grand Lodge in a proper manner up to this date, February 6th, 1845.

J. SCOTT, Jr.,
E. PARSONS, } *Committee.*
R. AUSTEN,

Past Grand E. Parsons exhibited a copy of journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and thought it a matter of great importance that every Lodge should have a copy, and offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge furnish each subordinate Lodge, under its jurisdiction, a copy of McGowan and Treadwells edition of the journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Holmes, of No. 2, and seconded by Past Grand Wayne, of No. 1:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify all subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to provide themselves with jewels as prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Austen called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered by the Grand Master.

Yeas—A. N. Miller, E. H. Rogers, R. Wayne, of Oglethorpe, No. 1; I. Holmes, A. Benton, of Franklin, No. 2; E. Parsons, of Live Oak, No. 3. Total 6.

Nays—C. R. Parsons, of United Brothers, No. 5, and R. Austen, of Washington, No. 7. Total 2.

Past Grand E. Parsons offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Masters be authorised to confer past official degrees on past officers, when they produce a certificate, that they are entitled to receive them, or that they have passed the chairs to which the degrees belong, the same to have attached the seal of the Lodge to which they belong.

The Grand Master then stated that this is the regular time to nominate Grand officers, to be elected at the next annual communication. Whereupon the following Past Grands were nominated:

For Grand Master, E. H. Rogers, of No. 1, and E. Parsons, of No. 3; for Deputy Grand Master, W. S. Rockwell, of No. 4, and I. Holmes, of No. 2; for

Grand Warden, G. Butler, of No. 1; for Grand Secretary, Jno. N. Lewis, of No. 1; for Grand Treasurer, J. P. Collins, of No. 3; for Grand Chaplain, J. S. Morel, of No. 3.

The Grand Master stated that he had a petition in his hand of twelve brothers, scarlet members, in good standing, praying that a charter be granted to open a new Lodge in the city of Savannah, which being read and found informal, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to return said petition to the petitioners, and inform them that whenever their petition comes in in due form, their prayer will be granted.

The resolution offered at the last annual communication by Past Grands Morel and Rogers, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The Printing Committee reported that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge were written up, ready for publication, but it being so near the semi-annual communication, the Grand Master thought best to defer having it printed until this communication had passed, so as to include those proceedings, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Committee be requested to have the proceedings of this semi-annual communication included with the former, and have them published forthwith.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

R. WAYNE, *Grand Secretary.*

SAVANNAH, AUG. 6th, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met this evening in De Kalb Lodge Room — Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; R. Austen, R. W. D. Grand Master; E. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden; R. Wayne, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer, pro tem.; J. S. Morel, R. W. Grand Chaplain; George W. Miller, W. Grand Marshal; John Scott, Jr., W. Grand Conductor, pro tem.; E. S. Kempton, W. Grand Guardian; Past Grands I. Holmes, G. Butler, T. E. Lloyd, and J. P. Collins.

The Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Past Grands Scranton and Purse, of Oglethorpe, No. 1; J. J. Jones, Franklin, No. 2; R. Raiford, Live Oak, No. 3; J. C. F. Clark and Wm. Steele, Sylvan, No. 4; J. Barnes, A. B. Hartwell and A. J. Raymur, United Brothers, No. 5; M. Woodruff and Wiley Williams, Muscogee, No. 6; James Adam, Benj. Conley and L. D. Ford, Washington, No. 7; Levi Ayres and Thomas R. Huson, Cherokee, No. 8; John W. Anderson and John R. Johnson, De Kalb, No. 9, presented their certificates, which were handed over to the Committee on Elections and Returns for examination, and were reported correct.

By order of the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Warden proceeded to examine the applicants, and made the following report:

The R. W. Grand Warden reports that he examined the above candidates and found all correct; after which, the Degrees of the several offices were administered in due form to all, with the exception of Past Grand L. D. Ford, of Washington Lodge, No. 7, who is absent.

EDW'D. J. JONES, *R. W. G. W.*

The Grand Lodge Degree was then conferred upon them.

The minutes of the semi-annual communication and minutes of the meeting for instituting De Kalb Lodge, No. 9, were read and confirmed.

The Grand Master made the following report, which was read, and on motion, received and ordered to be placed on the minutes:

To the Officers and Members
of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Brothers —

In compliance with the established custom, I herewith respectfully submit the following annual report of the progress and condition of the Order under this jurisdiction, for the year now about closing. In the performance of this duty, I cannot refrain from invoking your devout acknowledgements with my own to the Giver of all good, for his constant care and guardianship over the interests and welfare of our beloved institution. It affords me pleasure as Grand Master of this State, to offer to the members of the Grand Lodge at the present communication, my congratulations on the continued increase and prosperity of our institution within the limits of her jurisdiction. At your present communication, there will be brought to your especial notice, many subjects connected with the Order, which will require your serious attention and mature reflection, and I therefore hope that all standing and special committees, before whom these matters may come, will give them due attention and deliberation, so that when consummated, they will reflect credit upon their labours and give universal satisfaction to each and every member of the Order in this State. So far as I

have been able to ascertain, the different Lodges have made, during the past year, some very valuable acquisitions, in numbers, character and respectability, giving strong evidence that the principles of our beloved Order have not been without their usual effect upon Society, as well as upon the members of the Order—on the former by allaying prejudice and awakening a spirit of inquiry that would not be satisfied until it had learned what was that bond which unites men of the most discordant opinions, and brings together those who are most distant from each other—to the latter by proving that while bound together by cords of Friendship, Love and Truth, they need fear no opposition will ever be effectual in checking the progress of the cause in which they are engaged—that neither prejudice nor envy, ignorance nor ill-will can ever stop its onward march.

The number of subordinate Lodges, now under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is ten; two of which De Kalb, No. 9, and Miller, No. 10, have been organized since your last communication, and by the reports which have come before me from both these Lodges, you will find that they have been a valuable acquisition in promoting the interests and disseminating the true principles of the Order in this State, reflecting the highest credit upon the officers under whose care the dispensations have been placed. Each of these Lodges will be entitled to its charter at this communication. For the reports of the other Lodges, I must refer you to our Grand Secretary's report.

The first and most important subject that will require your attention will be the amendment of the present Constitution, which has, from the fact of its having been hastily gotten up, been found deficient in many respects and conflicting in many parts, liable to misconstruction to the great injury of the subordinate Lodges.

A committee was appointed at the last semi-annual session for the purpose of amending the same. It will

be necessary for that committee to make an early report.

I would here suggest the propriety of this Grand Lodge forming a code of By-Laws, suitable for the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, in order to ensure uniformity in the regulations of the different subordinates, which, at present, are widely dissimilar, and, in some cases, require correction.

It is necessary that this Grand Lodge should take some definite action upon the practice of duelling, and thereby relieve the subordinate Lodges from the dilemma in which they are sometimes unfortunately placed.

A communication will be presented to you from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania in relation to a resolution passed by the R. W. G. Lodge U. S., having for its object the revision of the lectures and charges of the Order, for this I also claim your earliest attention.

A communication will also be presented from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, having annexed the proclamation of our M. W. Grand Sire, convening the Grand Lodge of the United States in special session on the 9th day of September next. It is necessary that this Grand Lodge should be represented, as business of the highest importance will occupy the time of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is my duty also to inform you that in the month of April last, the good will and harmony which has existed between the members of the Order in this and the State of South Carolina, were temporarily suspended in consequence of Washington Lodge, No. 7, having admitted as members of their Lodge citizens of the State of South Carolina over whom the Grand Lodge of that State claimed jurisdiction, the doors of the Lodges of South Carolina were closed against every member (with one exception) of Washington Lodge, and the matter was made a subject of complaint to this Grand Lodge, the correspondence connected with which will be laid before

you, and in this connexion I refer you to article 30, By-Laws, G. L. U. S.

By the fire which occurred in this city, and in which Oglethorpe Lodge room was destroyed, this Grand Lodge became a sufferer, having the largest part of its regalia destroyed, which it will be necessary to have renewed.

In conclusion, permit me to present my sincere acknowledgements to the Brothers for the honor conferred upon me, and for their many acts of kindness, and to entreat them to believe that though I may have erred in the discharge of the duty assigned me, the errors have been those of the head and not of the heart, and as such will not be attributed to any want of inclination faithfully to perform the duties incumbent upon me.

All of which is respectfully submitted

in F., L. and T.,

ALVIN N. MILLER, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Secretary's report was read and referred to a special committee for examination, to consist of Past Grands Conley, Purse and Woodruff.

The Grand Master stated that the Grand Treasurer's account was in his possession, but from an unavoidable circumstance, he could not present it to the Grand Lodge this evening, but would do so on the following day.

Past Grand Anderson presented the By-Laws of De Kalb Lodge, No. 9, for the approval of this Lodge, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A dispute between United Brothers Lodge, No. 5, and Franklin Lodge, No. 2, was presented to the Grand Lodge for adjustment, and was referred to the Committee on Grievances of Lodges.

Past Grands Austen, Anderson and Woodruff were appointed a special committee to take into consideration

the various subjects mentioned in the Grand Master's report.

The following resolutions were presented by Past Grand Ayres, from Cherokee Lodge, No. 8:

Resolved, That our Delegates to the Grand Lodge be instructed to bring before that body the subject of reducing the expenses of the Order, and thus leaving the funds of the several Lodges to be devoted more directly to objects of benevolence and charity.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the Grand Lodge be instructed to bring before that body the subject of establishing a Literary Institution for the education of the sons of Odd Fellows, to be under the direction and for the benefit of the Order in this State.

True extract from the minutes.

W. T. WINN, *Secretary*,

Cherokee Lodge, No. 8.

July 27th, 1845.

Referred to Past Grands Huson, Holmes and Morel.

The Grand Master presented the following communication, which was read.

De Kalb Lodge, No. 9.
SAVANNAH, APRIL, 15th, 1845.

To A. N. Miller, *M. W. Grand Master*
R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Dear Sir and Brother—

At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held on the 12th inst., the following resolution, offered by Past Grand Anderson, was unanimously adopted, and the N. G. requested to communicate the same.

Resolved, That the use of our Room be tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, for their communications.

Yours, in F. L. & T.

JOHN R. JOHNSON, N. G.

De Kalb Lodge, No. 9.

On motion, the above was unanimously accepted, and a vote of thanks returned.

It was then moved and carried that the Grand Lodge adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock the next morning.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

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9 o'clock, A. M.
SAVANNAH, AUG. 7th, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at De Kalb Lodge room. Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; R. Austen; R. W. Deputy Grand Master; E. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden; R. Wayne, R. W. Grand Secretary; John N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer, *pro tem;* J. S. Morel, R. W. Grand Chaplain; John Scott, Jr., W. Grand Conductor, *pro tem;* E. S. Kempton, W. Grand Guardian; Past Grands G. Butler, T. E. Lloyd, D. T. Scranton and Thomas Purse, No. 1; J. J. Jones and I. Holmes, No. 2; J. P. Collins and R. Raiford, No. 3; John C. F. Clark and Wm. Steele, No. 4; A. B. Hartwell and Jackson Barnes, No. 5; M. Woodruff and Wiley Williams, No. 6; James Adam and Benj. Conley, No. 7; Levi Ayres and Thos. R. Huson, No. 8; John W. Anderson and John R. Johnson, No. 9.

The Grand Master presented the Grand Treasurer's account, made up to the 1st of July, the time of his leaving the State, shewing a balance in the Treasury of four hundred and thirty-seven dollars, which was read, and on motion referred to the Finance Committee for examination.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.
SAVANNAH, AUG. 7th, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; R. Austen, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; E. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden,; R. Wayne, R. W. Grand Secretary; John N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer, *pro tem;* J. S. Morel, R. W. Grand Chaplain; John Scott, Jr., W. Grand Conductor, *pro tem;* E. S. Kempton, W. Grand Guardian; Past Grands G. Butler, T. E. Lloyd, D. T. Scranton and Thomas Purse, No. 1; I. Holmes and J. J. Jones, No. 2; J. P. Collins and R. Raiford, No. 3; John C. F. Clark and Wm. Steele, No. 4; A. B. Hartwell and Jackson Barnes, No. 5; M. Woodruff and Wiley Williams, No. 6; James Adam and Benj. Conley, No. 7; Levi Ayres and Thos. R. Huson, No. 8; John W. Anderson and John R. Johnson, No. 9.

The Committee on Elections and Returns made the following report, which was read, and on motion received and adopted.

The Committee, upon Elections and Returns report the following Lodges as having made correct returns according to the forms laid down in the Constitution and By-Laws

of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia; also, the brothers elected by the several Lodges to represent them in the same.

LODGES RETURNED.		REPRESENTATIVES.
Oglethorpe,	No. 1,	John Scott, Jr., John N. Lewis, R. Wayne.
Franklin,	" 2,	John J. Jones, Isaac Holmes.
Live Oak,	" 3,	J. S. Morel, J. P. Collins, E. J. Jones.
Sylvan,	" 4,	John C. F, Clark, Wm. Steele,
U. Brothers,	" 5,	A. B. Hartwell, Jackson Barnes.
Muscogee,	" 6,	Michael Woodruff, W. Williams.
Washington,	" 7,	James Adam, Benj. Conley, L. D. Ford.
Cherokee,	" 8,	Levi Ayres, Thomas R. Huson.
De Kalb,	" 9,	J. W. Anderson, J. R. Johnson.
Miller,	" 10,	Robert Austen.

JAMES S. MOREL,
R. WAYNE,
ISAAC HOLMES. } *Committee.*

The Committee on the Constitution made the following report, which was read and on motion laid on the table:

The Committee on the Constitution beg leave to report that they have made certain amendments to the Constitution, copy of which as amended, they hand in with this report, it being necessary that the same should lie on the table until the next session of this Lodge.

THOMAS E. LLOYD, *Chairman,*

Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1.

AMENDMENTS.

Strike out in art. 1, sec. 1, Con., the word in, and insert of, and add and shall be composed.

Strike out in art. 2, sec. 2, Con., the word semi, and insert annually on the 1st of May.

Strike out in art. 2, sec. 2, the words seven Past Grands and three Lodges, and insert thus, twelve Past Grands and at least five Lodges.

Strike out in art. 2, sec. 3, Con., the words at the annual session, and insert at the termination of the quarter immediately proceeding; also the word *present* and insert *forward* their reports, &c.; also from, at the semi-annual session, down to provided for in the Constitution.

Strike out in art. 2, sec. 6, Con., the whole of this section, and insert the following: Each Lodge shall be entitled to one Representative, the Representative from each Lodge having fifty contributing members, or under, shall be entitled to one vote; over fifty, and not exceeding one hundred, two votes; over one hundred, and not exceeding one hundred and fifty, three votes; over one hundred and fifty, and not exceeding two hundred, four votes; over two hundred, and not exceeding two hundred and fifty, five votes; over two hundred and fifty, and not exceeding three hundred, six votes, and so on in proportion.

Strike out the whole of section 9, of article 2, Con.

Strike out the whole of section 2, of article 3, Con.

Strike out in section 3, and all Past Grands, to read thus: and those who may not attend the Grand Lodge shall be allowed to vote by proxy, provided that the authority of the proxy shall be signed by the absent member, verified by the seal of the Lodge to which he belongs, and signed by the Secretary, and the same shall be counted as if the Past Grand were present; and further strike out the last clause of the same section to read thus: When the person having the smallest number of

votes, shall be dropped at that and each successive ballot, until a majority of votes shall be given for one candidate, who shall be declared duly elected.

Section 4, add the letter *s* to the word representative, and strike out his, and insert their.

Strike out in sec. 2, art. 4, the words during his, and insert in case of his death, resignation, or.

Strike out in sec. 7, art. 4, the words in attending any communication of this Grand Lodge, or.

Strike out in sec. 3, art. 5, after the word past, and insert passed; also the words to render, and insert and examine; also the word quarterly, and insert annually.

Strike out in sec. 4, art. 5, the words on all accounts for postage.

Strike out in sec. 1, art. 6, the words or a special session may be called for that purpose; also the words if practicable.

Strike out in sec. 1, art. 7, after the letters D. G. M., and add the following, or any of the D. D. G. Masters.

Strike out in sec. 5, art. 7, the word *and* between Secretary and Treasurer; in the latter clause of same section, add the words elective or.

In sec. 7, art. 7, after the words reconsideration be had thereof, add the following, until twelve months after such rejection.

Strike out in sec. 9, art. 7, the words two dollars, and make it read one dollar.

Strike out in sec. 10, art. 7, the words and at the next annual communication, and add the word and.

Strike out in sec. 11, art. 7, the word him, and substitute them.

Strike out sec. 12, art. 7, entirely.

In sec. 13, art. 7, after the word Lodge, add until after the expiration of one year.

Strick out in sec. 14, art. 7, the words their representation, and insert the number of their contributing members.

Strike out sec. 15, art. 7, entirely.

Strike out the whole of article 8; and from section 5 to section 6 inclusive of article 9.

It was moved and seconded by the Representatives from De Kalb Lodge, No. 9 and Washington Lodge, No. 7, to strike out article 10.

The following amendment to the 1st section, article 7th, was offered by the Representatives from Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, and seconded by the Representatives from De Kalb Lodge, No. 9 and Sylvan Lodge, No. 4.

Add—Provided that the M. W. Grand Master shall in no case grant a dispensation for a Lodge in any place where there is a Lodge or Lodges in existence, without the consent of the existing Lodge or Lodges, duly certified to him. Carried.

Additional section to article 7th, proposed by the Representatives of Muscogee, Lodge, No. 6, and seconded by Representative Clark, of Sylvan Lodge, No. 4, and Representative Adam, of Washington Lodge, No. 7, as follows:

Any member of any subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who shall be engaged, either directly or indirectly, in a duel, in this State or elsewhere, shall be expelled. And no withdrawal card shall be granted to any applicant when the Lodge shall have any evidence that such application is made in anticipation of a duel. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Conley:

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last semi-annual communication of this body in the following words: *Resolved*, That no member of this order, residing out of the limits of the State of Georgia, shall be permitted to hold any elective or appointed office in any subordinate

Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby rescinded. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Williams:

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last semi-annual communication requiring the subordinate Lodges to furnish or procure the jewels required in section 4th, article 9th, be rescinded. Lost.

The Committee on grievances of Lodges made a report in relation to the complaint between United Brothers, No. 5, and Franklin, No. 2, which was read and on motion referred back to them.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Masters report, handed in the following report.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master beg leave respectfully to make the following report:

That we have considered the suggestions in it relating to the practice of duelling and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That any brother of this Order, belonging to any Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, who shall be concerned in a duel, either as principal or second, shall be forthwith forever expelled from the Order; nor shall any subordinate Lodge grant a withdrawal card to any brother if they may have reason to believe that he demands it for the purpose of engaging in a duel and evading the punishment attached to that offence.

With respect to the suggestion in relation to framing a set of By-Laws for the government of subordinate Lodges, we would also beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That a committee of —— be appointed to draft a code of By-Laws, for the government of subordi-

nate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and if approved of by this Grand Lodge, every subordinate under its jurisdiction shall be required to adopt the same.

We would also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That charters be granted to De Kalb Lodge, No. 9, and Miller Lodge, No. 10, being the two Lodges now working under the dispensations issued by the Grand Master to them since the last semi-annual communication.

R. AUSTEN,
M. WOODRUFF,
J. W. ANDERSON, } *Committee.*

Upon the adoption of the report, a motion was made to take up each resolution separately, which motion prevailed.

The first resolution, on duelling, was then taken up, and, after some discussion, was passed.

The second resolution in relation to framing a code of By-Laws for subordinate Lodges was passed; the blank filled with five, to consist of Past Grands Anderson, Conley, Lloyd, Holmes and Morel.

The third resolution granting charters to De Kalb Lodge, No. 9, and Miller Lodge, No. 10, was passed.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report:

The Committee on Correspondence report that the Grand Secretary has conducted the correspondence of the Grand Lodge in a proper manner up to this date; and the only part of the correspondence we deem necessary to bring before this Lodge, is a communication received from the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, in relation to subordinate Lodges in this State initiating citizens from their State. This is a subject which this Lodge as yet has not provided for, agreeable to article 30 of the

By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States. We would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall initiate any person from an adjoining State, provided there be a Lodge located in his immediate neighborhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. SCOTT, Jr.,
R. AUSTEN,
R. RAIFORD, } *Committee.*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's report, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to examine the Grand Secretary's report find the same correct — the receipts and the amount paid the Grand Treasurer being supported by proper vouchers. The Committee regret that in consequence of a deficiency in the form furnished the subordinate Lodges by this Grand Lodge, the annual reports of several are informal, and would suggest to the Representatives of the several Lodges present, on their return, to instruct their Lodges to furnish the Grand Secretary, as soon as possible, with the amount of revenue of their several Lodges, so that he can make a correct return to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Committee would further suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of furnishing the subordinate Lodges with a correct form for an annual and quarterly report.

The Committee have been informed that some of the Lodges have overpaid the Grand Lodge in the per centage due said body, and would recommend that the Grand Lodge adjust the difference with the Representatives present of such Lodges, if such be the case.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. CONLEY,
M. WOODRUFF,
THOMAS PURSE, } *Committee.*

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Anderson:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina of the action of this Grand Lodge, connected with article 30 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Passed.

A petition from F. M. Robertson, with certificates from Washington Lodge, No. 7, and from Marion Lodge, No. 2, of the State of South Carolina, of which he is now a member, requesting the R. W. Grand Lodge of this State to permit Washington Lodge, No. 7, to grant him a certificate as a Past Grand, and authorize the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina to confer upon him the usual Grand Lodge Degrees, was read, and, after some discussion, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

8 o'clock, P. M.
SAVANNAH, AUG. 7th, 1845.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met—Present, A. N. Miller, M. W. Grand Master; R. Austen, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; E. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden; R. Wayne, R. W. Grand Secretary; John N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer, *pro tem;* J. S. Morel, W. Grand Chaplain; John Scott, Jr., W. Grand Conductor, *pro tem.;* G. W. Miller, W. Grand Marshal; E. S. Kempton, W. Grand Guardian; Past Grands G. Butler, T. E. Lloyd, D. T. Scranton and Thomas Purse, No. 1; J. J. Jones, No. 2; J. P. Collins and R. Raiford, No. 3; John C. F. Clark and Wm. Steele, No. 4; A. B. Hartwell and Jackson Barnes, No. 5; M. Woodruff and

Wiley Williams, No. 6; James Adam and Benj. Conley, No. 7; Levi Ayres and Thos. R. Huson, No. 8; John W. Anderson and John R. Johnson, No. 9.

The Special Committee made the following report:

We, the undersigned, the Committee to examine the Constitution and By-Laws of subordinate Lodges, tender the following as our report: After a careful examination of the Constitution and By-Laws of Washington Lodge, No. 7, and De Kalb Lodge, No. 9, find nothing which conflicts with the laws of the Grand Lodge, governing subordinate Lodges, and would therefore recommend their approval.

JAMES ADAM,
WILLIAM STEELE, } *Committee.*
EDWARD J. JONES,

The following resolution offered by Past Grand Conley was passed:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to pay back to subordinate Lodges any moneys which have been paid to him through mistake in the per centage due from the subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Grievances of Lodges made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

The Committee report that they have had before them the complaint of United Brothers Lodge against Franklin Lodge, and from the evidence before them, they find just cause of complaint on the part of United Brothers Lodge, and recommend that Franklin Lodge review their proceedings complained of in the case.

G. BUTLER,
M. WOODRUFF,
J. R. JOHNSON, } *Committee.*
WM. STEELE,
JAMES ADAM,

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Woodruff, and carried:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, at 9 o'clock this evening, and also its Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Williams, seconded by Past Grand Raymur, and after some discussion, was carried by 16 yeas to 8 nays.

Resolved, That the resolution first passed by the Grand Lodge, on the 15th February, 1844, in relation to the nomination and election of officers of the Grand Lodge, be and is hereby rescinded.

The hour of 9 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to nominate its officers, the Grand Master decided the nomination out of order, an appeal was taken from his decision, which was sustained.

Past Grand Wayne, of No. 1, was then nominated for Grand Master; Past Grands Parsons, of No. 3, and Rogers, of No. 1, having been previously nominated; Past Grands Holmes, of No. 2, and Rockwell, of No. 4, had been previously nominated for Deputy Grand Master; Past Grand Jones, of No. 2, was nominated for Grand Warden, Past Grand Butler, had been previously nominated; Past Grand Lewis, of No. 1, had been previously nominated for Grand Secretary; Past Grand Collins, of No. 3, had been previously nominated for Grand Treasurer; Past Grand Morel, of No. 3, had been previously nominated for Grand Chaplain; Past Grand Williams, of No. 6, was nominated for Grand Representative, Grand Master Miller and Past Grand Lloyd, of No. 1, having been previously nominated.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

R. Wayne, M. W. Grand Master; I. Holmes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; J. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden;

J. N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. P. Collins, R. W. Grand Treasurer; J. S. Morel, W. Grand Chaplain. Representatives to Grand Lodge United States, Thos. E. Lloyd, of No. 1, and Wiley Williams, of No. 6.

The following resolution was then offered by Past Grand Woodruff:

Resolved, That 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow be the time set apart for the installation of the officers elect of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to invite, through the newspapers, all Brothers of the Scarlet Degree in the city to attend.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock next morning.

9 o'clock, A. M.
SAVANNAH, AUG. 8th, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met this morning pursuant to adjournment — Present, R. Austen, R. W. D. Grand Master; E. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden; R. Wayne, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.;* J. S. Morel, W. Grand Chaplain; G. W. Miller, W. Grand Marshal; John Scott, Jr., W. Grand Conductor, *pro tem.;* E. S. Kempton, W. Grand Guardian; Past Grands G. Butler, T. E. Lloyd, D. T. Scranton, and Thomas Purse, of No. 1; I. Holmes and J. J. Jones, No. 2; J. P. Collins and R. Raiford, No. 3; John C. F. Clark and Wm. Steele, No. 4; A. B. Hartwell and Jackson Barnes, No. 5; M. Woodruff and W. Williams, No. 6; James Adam and B. Conley, No. 7; Levi Ayres and Thos. R. Huson, No. 8; J. W. Anderson and John R. Johnson, No. 9.

R. Austin, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, took the chair.

Past Grand Purse moved that so much of the proceedings of the day before as related to the granting of the petition of F. M. Robertson, be reconsidered, which motion, after some discussion, prevailed.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Williams, of No. 6:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay to the Representatives of Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, the sum of forty-two dollars, being the amount voted by the Grand Lodge to D. S. Lemon, former Representative of Muscogee Lodge.

The Grand Master appeared and took the chair.

The Committee on Finance submit the following report in part:

Resolved, That the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Representatives of Lodges shall receive two dollars per diem and two dollars for every thirty miles of travel, for their attendance on the Grand Lodge.

The Committee report the following officers and representatives entitled to the sums set opposite to their respective names, for attendance on the Grand Lodge at the present annual communication:

A. N. Miller,	$6 00
R. Austen,	30 00
R. Wayne,	12 00
J. N. Lewis,	12 00
E. J. Jones,	12 00
J. S. Morel,	12 00
John Scott, jr.,	12 00
E. S. Kempton,	6 00
G. W. Miller,	6 00
I. Holmes,	30 00
J. J. Jones,	30 00
J. P. Collins,	6 00
J. C. F. Clark,	30 00
Wm. Steele,	30 00

J. Barnes,	30 00
A. B. Hartwell,	30 00
M. Woodruff,	44 00
W. Williams,	44 00
B. Conley,	24 00
J. Adam,	24 00
T. R. Huson,	46 00
Levi Ayres,	46 00
J. W. Anderson,	6 00
J. R. Johnson,	6 00
	$534 00

The Committee recommend the appropriation of the sum of three dollars, as compensation to Brother W. F. Shearer, for attendance on this body at its present sitting.

Resolved further, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the officers and representatives, herein before named, the amounts to their names attached, for their per diem pay and mileage, out of any moneys in the Treasury.

The Committee report, that the appropriations made at the present session will consume the amount of funds in the Treasury, and leave nothing to pay the expenses of the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Georgia to the Grand Lodge of the United States. It is therefore necessary that a sum be raised by taxing the subordinate Lodges, sufficient to defray that expense. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be raised by the imposition of an extraordinary tax upon the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary, at his earliest convenience, proceed to ascertain the proportion of each subordinate Lodge, according to their numbers, and advise them of the same.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each subordinate Lodge, immediately upon being notified by the Grand Secretary, to raise and transmit to the Grand Secretary the amount which it is required to pay.

The Committee also report the following bills correct: E. Parsons, $21; Peter G. Thomas, $37,45; Savannah Georgian, $2,25; Savannah Republican, $2,25; E. S. Kempton, $11; Warner & Hooker, $2. Total seventy-five dollars and ninety-five cents.

They have also examined the Grand Treasurer's report, and find it correct. He has in his hands four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and six cents.

We have also examined the Grand Secretary's report, and find the same correct, he having in his hands two hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-five cents.

Upon examination of quarterly reports, we find that Washington Lodge, No. 7, have overpaid the Grand Lodge eight dollars and forty-three cents, and by their quarterly return, dated 25th December, 1844, we find that the above amount was retained by them.

In conclusion, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary pay over to the Grand Treasurer elect the moneys in their hands, viz: In the hands of the Grand Treasurer, four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and six cents; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, two hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-five cents. Total, six hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-one cents.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the Grand Secretary in full of official services rendered by him during the past year.

G. BUTLER,
E. J. JONES, } *Committee.*
W. WILLIAMS,

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the two resolutions, from Cherokee Lodge, No. 8, made the following report:

On the 1st Resolution. The Committee on Revision of the Constitution having suggested such alterations and amendments as will accomplish the object contemplated by the resolution referred to this Committee, they deem it unnecessary to make a report and beg to be discharged.

On 2nd Resolution. The Committee on this resolution beg leave to report that they deem it improper at this stage of the Order in Georgia to attempt the fulfilment of the object contemplated by the resolution, but would recommend that the establishment of a literary institution of the kind contemplated, be kept in view of the Grand Lodge.

T. R. HUSON,
JAMES S. MOREL, } *Committee.*
ISAAC HOLMES.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The time for which the Grand Lodge was adjourned having expired, the Grand Lodge then resumed business.

A motion was made that all further business be suspended, and the Grand Lodge proceed to install the officers elect. Carried.

The Grand Master stated, under his present view of things, he could not install the officers and would resign his seat.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then took the chair. The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

After the brothers who were in waiting had been admitted, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master then proceeded to install R. Wayne Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Grand Master Wayne took the chair and proceeded to install the other officers elected for the ensuing year, viz: Isaac Holmes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; J. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden; John N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. P. Collins, R. W. Grand Treasurer; J. S. Morel, W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master appointed the following officers and committees for the ensuing year:

JOHN R. JOHNSON,	*W. Grand Marshal.*
JOHN SCOTT, Jr.,	*W. Grand Conductor.*
B. CONLEY,	*W. Grand Guardian.*

ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

Past Grand WM. STEELE, Sylvan, No. 4.
" THOMAS PURSE, Oglethorpe, No. 1.
" E. J. JONES, Live Oak, No. 3.

ON FINANCE.

Past Grand THOMAS PURSE, Oglethorpe, No. 1.
" W. WILLIAMS, Muscogee, No. 6.
" J. W. ANDERSON, De Kalb, No. 9.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand I. HOLMES, Franklin, No. 2.
" J. S. MOREL, Live Oak, No. 3.
" A. B. HARTWELL, U. Brothers, No. 5.

ON GRIEVANCES OF LODGES.

Past Grand T. E. LLOYD, Oglethorpe, No. 1.
" J. J. JONES, Franklin, No. 2.
" J. P. COLLINS, Live Oak, No. 3.
" J. C. F. CLARK, Sylvan, No. 4.
" J. BARNES, United Brothers, No. 5.
" M. WOODRUFF, Muscogee, No. 6.
" B. CONLEY, Washington, No. 7.
" LEVI AYRES, Cherokee, No. 8.
" J. R. JOHNSON, De Kalb, No. 9.
" R. AUSTEN, Miller, No. 10.

ON SUPERVISION OF BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Past Grand M. WOODRUFF, Muscogee, No. 6.
" J. ADAM, Washington, No. 7.
" T. R. HUSON, Cherokee, No. 8.

ON PRINTING.

Past Grand J. W. ANDERSON, De Kalb, No. 9.
" J. N. LEWIS, Oglethorpe, No. 1.
" A. J. RAYMUR, United Brothers, No. 5.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Scarlet Degree, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Purse :

Resolved, That the petition of F. M. Robertson be referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Anderson :

Resolved, That the Printing Committee be required to have printed the proceedings of this annual communication.

The Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.
SAVANNAH, AUG. 8th, 1845.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met this evening — Present, R. Wayne, M. W. Grand Master; I. Holmes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; J. J. Jones, R. W. Grand Warden; J. N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. P. Collins, R. W. Grand Treasurer; J. S. Morel, W. Grand Chaplain; J. R. Johnson, W. Grand Marshal; John Scott, Jr., W. Grand Conductor; B. Conley, W. Grand Guardian; Past Grand Master A. N. Miller, Past Grands E. S. Kempton, T. E. Lloyd, G. Butler, D. T. Scranton, T. Purse, E. J. Jones, R. Raiford, J. C. F.

Clark, Wm. Steele, A. B. Hartwell, J. Barnes, M. Woodruff, W. Williams, J. Adam, L. Ayres, T. R. Huson, J. W. Anderson, R. Austen.

Past Grand W. P. Goodall, of Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, presented his certificate, whereupon the following resolution was offered by Past Grand Kempton:

Resolved, That Past Grand W. P. Goodall receive the Grand Lodge Degrees, he having been unavoidably prevented from attending at the commencement of this communication.

His certificate having been examined and found correct, the R. W. Grand Warden was requested to retire and confer the degrees. He was then admitted, and the Grand Lodge Degrees conferred on him.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Conley, and seconded by Past Grand Lloyd:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed for the use of the subordinate Lodges one hundred copies of the form of annual return, in accordance with the one submitted by the Committee on the Constitution, and four hundred quarterly returns; and that the same be distributed among the Lodges at the expense of said Lodges; and that no return be received, except in accordance with such form.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Conley:

Resolved, That the petition of Brother F. M. Robertson be withdrawn from the Committee to which it was referred, and that the papers lie upon the table until the next semi-annual communication.

Past Grand Holmes offered the following resolution, seconded by Past Grand Woodruff:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare and report to this body, at the next semi-annual communication, rules of order, for the government of the Grand Lodge — the Committee to consist of M. W. Grand Master R. Wayne, Past Grands Anderson and Lloyd.

Past Grand Raymur offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft a form of procession to be used by the subordinate Lodges at celebrations, &c., and to report the same at the next semi-annual communication.

The Committee appointed on the above were Past Grands Raymur, G. W. Miller, and Lloyd.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Holmes, and seconded by Past Grand Conley:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to Past Grand Master A. N. Miller, for his able, impartial and dignified discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Master. Unanimously adopted.

A communication was received from Past Grand Master A. N. Miller, with a resolution that the same be spread upon the minutes.

Some objections being made to a certain portion of it, on motion, it was referred to a Special Committee of five, consisting of Past Grands Anderson, No. 9; Williams, No. 6; Lloyd, No. 1; Raymur, No. 5, and Clark, No. 4, for immediate action.

The Committee having retired, returned in a few minutes, and made the following report:

The Committee report that Past Grand Master A. N. Miller having amended his communication, recommend that the same be spread upon the minutes. Adopted.

PAST GRAND MASTER MILLER'S COMMUNICATION.

Having objected to the legality of the proceedings of this annual session of this Grand Lodge, connected with the election of officers of this Grand Lodge and representatives thereof, I am induced to offer the following stated reasons:

1st. In rescinding rules to prevent a misconstruction and to give a definite meaning to article 3d and section

2nd of the Constitution for the correct government of the Order in this State, thereby depriving absent nominees of the rights and privileges which were guaranteed to them at and up to the time of rescinding the above named resolutions.

2nd. The effect of which might have prevented the absent members of this Grand Lodge from exercising the privileges guaranteed to them by section 3, article 3, of the Constitution, in voting by proxy, and in disregard of article 10th of the Constitution, governing this Grand Lodge, and would respectfully offer the following resolution:

That the same be entered upon the minutes of this Grand Lodge.

A. N. MILLER.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary.*

DR. E. H. ROGERS, GRAND TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. CR.

1844.	Cash Received.	Dolls. Cts.
Aug 7	Balance in Treasury.....	800 39
Oct 10	To United Brothers, No. 5, dues 30th Sep.	14 71
" 24	" Oglethorpe, No. 1, " "	14 20
" 26	" Muscogee, No. 6, " "	6 00
Dec..... 31	" United Brothers, No. 5, " 30th Dec.	13 50
1845.		
Jan 4	" Washington, No. 7, " "	4 00
" 23	" Franklin, No. 2, " "	20 34
" 27	" Cherokee, No. 8, " "	7 00
" 30	" Oglethorpe, No. 1, " "	24 70
Feb..... 1	" Live Oak, No. 3, " 2 qs. "	34 10
" 1	" Franklin, No. 2, " 30th Sep.	16 93
" 15	" De Kalb dispensation.....	30 00
March..... 16	" Miller, "	30 00
" 21	" Muscogee, No. 6, dues 30th Dec.	17 80
April..... 4	" United Brothers, No. 5, " 30th Mar.	9 00
" 8	" Washington, No. 7, " "	23 87
" 9	" De Kalb, No 9, " "	36 60
" 15	" Oglethorpe, No. 1, " "	65 10
" 15	" Live Oak, No. 3, " "	33 70
" 15	" Sylvan, No. 4, " 2 qs. "	5 70
" 15	" Muscogeu, No. 6, " "	15 90
" 15	" Franklin, No. 2, " "	34 71
		1,258 25

1844.	Cash Paid.	Dolls. Cts.
Aug.. 9	By Cash Paid W. S. Rockwell, Rep.,.....	29 00
" 9	" " " P. O. Wing, "	31 00
" 9	" " " R. Austen, "	29 00
" 9	" " " W. F. Shearer, bill,.....	2 00
" 13	" " " Locke & Davis, Printing.....	53 00
" 20	" " " G. W. Miller, Secretary's Salary.....	50 00
" 20	" " " S. Philbrick for a safe.....	40 00
" 27	" " " T. Purse, bill.....	4 00
" 27	" " " G. Butler, dues.....	10 00
Sept. 3	" " " A. N. Miller, dues.....	14 00
" 3	" " " E. H. Rogers, "	14 00
" 3	" " " E. Parsons, "	14 00
" 3	" " " Rep. Tax to Grand Lodge U. S.....	20 00
" 3	" " " J. S. Morel, dues.....	4 00
Oct 10	" " " Rep. expenses to Baltimore.....	85 00
Dec 19	" " " E. J. Jones, dues.....	6 00
" 20	" " " G. W. Miller, "	10 00
1845.		
Feb..... 7	" " " W. F. Shearer, bill.....	2 25
" 7	" " " R. Austen, dues and mileage.....	21 00
" 7	" " " A. Benton, " "	30 00
" 7	" " " C. R. Parsons, dues "	30 00
" 7	" " " R. Wayne, "	12 00
" 7	" " " A. N. Miller, "	8 00
" 7	" " " E. H. Rogers, "	8 00
" 7	" " " I. Holmes, dues and mileage.....	30 00
March 19	" " " E. S. Kempton, dues.....	4 00
" 29	" " " E. Parsons, for regalia.....	226 69
April..... 1	" " " E. J. Jones, dues.....	2 00
" 1	" " " E. Parsons, Rep.....	4 00
May 28	" " " Freight on cards.....	1 25
" 28	" " " E. Parsons, for cards.....	9 00
June.....10	" " " G. Butler, bill.....	4 50
July 1	" " " Postages to date.....	13 50
	" Balance in Treasury,.....	437 06
		258 25

August 7th, Balance in Treasury,.....$437 06

E. H. ROGERS, Grand Treasurer.

DR. GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA IN ACCOUNT WITH R. WAYNE, GRAND SECRETARY. CR

1845.	Cash Paid.	Dls. Cts.	1844.	Cash Received.	Dls. Cts.
Aug.....7	To Grand Treasurer per receipts.....	457 86	Oct.....10	By cash rec'd from United Brothers, No. 5, dues 30th Sept. 1844.	14 71
" 7	Balance due Grand Treasurer.....	212 85	" 24	" " Oglethorpe, No. 1, " " " "	14 20
			" 26	" " Muscogee, No. 6, " " " "	6 00
			Dec.....31	" " United Brothers, No. 5, " 30th Dec.....	13 50
			1845.		
			Jan..... 4	" " Washington, No. 7, " "	4 00
			" 23	" " Franklin, No. 2, " "	20 34
			" 27	" " Cherokee, No. 8, " "	7 00
			" 30	" " Oglethorpe, No. 1, " "	24 70
			Feb..... 1	" " Live Oak, No. 3, " 2 qrs.....	34 10
			" 1	" " Franklin, No. 2, " 30th Sept.....	16 93
			" 15	" " De Kalb, No. 9, " Dispensation....	30 00
			Mar.....15	" " Miller, No.10, " "	30 00
			" 21	" " Muscogee, No. 6, " 30th Dec. 1844..	17 80
			April.... 4	" " United Brothers, No. 5, " 30th Mar. 1845..	9 00
			" 8	" " Washington, No. 7, " " "	23 87
			" 15	" " De Kalb, No. 9, " " "	36 60
			" 9	" " Oglethorpe, No. 1, " " "	65 10
			" 15	" " Live Oak, No. 3, " 2 qrs " "	33 70
			" 15	" " Sylvan, No. 4, " 2 " " "	5 70
			" 15	" " Muscogee, No. 6, " " "	15 90
			" 15	" " Franklin, No. 2, " " "	34 71
			June.....30	" " Oglethorpe, No. 1, " 30th June, "	32 90
			" 30	" " Franklin, No. 2, " " "	36 05
			" 30	" " Live Oak, No. 3, " " "	37 35
			" 30	" " Sylvan, No. 4, " " "	7 00
			" 30	" " United Brothers, No. 5, " " "	11 40
			" 30	" " Muscogee, No. 6, " " "	12 50
			" 30	" " Washington, No. 7, " " "	15 70
			" 30	" " Cherokee, No. 8, " 2 qrs " "	18 45
			" 30	" " De Kalb, No. 9, " " "	19 20
			Aug..... 7	" " Miller, No.10, " " "	22 30
		670 71			670 71

SAVANNAH, August 7th, 1845.

R. WAYNE, GRAND SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1844, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia is composed of forty members, and has under its jurisdiction ten working Lodges.

LODGES.	Numbers	Where held.	County.	Time Meeting.	Initiations	Rejections	Admit'd by card.	Withd'n by card	Reinstatements	Suspensions	Expulsions	Deaths	Past Grands	Con'g. Members	Names of P. G. M's.	Revenue	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe	1	Savannah	Chatham	Tuesday	88	13	6	25	2	17	*2	4	12	250	Alvin N. Miller, of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Savannah, Georgia.—He served as G. M. from the institution of the Lodge up to August, 1845.	$3,039 19	*Expelled for conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows. †Non-payment of dues.
Franklin	2	Macon	Bibb	Thursday	15	3	4	12	2	11		1	9	166		1,099 87	
Live Oak	3	Savannah	Chatham	Friday	59	10	4	13		3	†1	1	10	157		1,930 45	
Sylvan	4	Milledgeville	Baldwin	Tuesday	11		1	14		3			7	46		131 00	
United Brothers	5	Macon	Bibb	Wednesday	28	5	2	7	1	3	†9	2	7	82		584 11	
Muscogee	6	Columbus	Muscogee	Monday	25	1	7	4			1		7	99		651 20	
Washington	7	Augusta	Richmond	Monday	51	3	6	28			1		4	157		1,502 31	
Cherokee	8	Marietta	Cobb	Tuesday	18	1		3					4	33		260 00	
De Kalb	9	Savannah	Chatham	Saturday	56	3	17						2	73		850 79	
Miller	10	Augusta	Richmond	Wednesday	28		17						2	45		223 12	
					379	39	64	106	5	37	14	8	64	1108		$10,272 04	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this eighth day of August, A. D., 1845.

ALVIN N. MILLER, *Grand Master.*

R. WAYNE, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE R. W. G. LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, I. O. O. F., SHOWING THE RELIEF IN THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1844, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1845.

LODGES.	Numbers.....	No. of brothers relieved.....	Number of widowed families relieved.....	Num. of brothers buried.....	Amount paid for relief of brothers.....	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for education of orphans.....	Amount paid for burying the dead.....	Total Amount...	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe.....	1	21	3	4	$320 00	179 50	176 50	*141 50	808 50	*In this amount is included $50 paid for the burial of two brothers' wives.
Franklin.....	2	10		1	235 00			25 00	260 00	
Live Oak.....	3	33		3	511 50		55 00	140 00	706 50	
Sylvan.....	4	9			142 00				142 00	
United Brothers.....	5	5		2	75 00				75 00	
Muscogee	6	18			340 50				340 50	
Washington.....	7	7			105 00				105 00	
Cherokee.....	8									
De Kalb.....	9									
Miller.....	10									
		103	3	10	1729 00	179 50	222 50	306 50	2437 50	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this eighth day of August, A. D., 1845.

ALVIN N. MILLER, *Grand Master.*

L. S.

R. WAYNE, *Grand Secretary.*

SAVANNAH, 4th February, 1846.

A Regular Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at DeKalb Lodge Room this afternoon.

Present —

RICHARD WAYNE,	*M. W. Grand Master.*
ISAAC HOLMES,	*R. W. D. Grand Master.*
JOHN N. LEWIS,	*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
J. P. COLLINS,	*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
JAS. S. MOREL,	*W. Grand Chaplain.*
JOHN R. JOHNSON,	*W. Grand Marshal.*
B. CONLEY,	*W. Grand Guardian.*

Past Grands Purse, Barnes, Huson, Raymur, Oliver, Raiford, Anderson, Butler, Kempton.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened in the G. L. Degree. The roll of officers called. The R. W. G. Warden being absent, the M. W. G. M. appointed P. G. Anderson R. W. G. Warden, *pro tem.* It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last regular communication having been printed, the reading of the same be dispensed with. Carried.

On motion, the minutes were then confirmed.

The certificates of P. G's. I. P. Garvin, L. P. Strong, Geo. W. Adams, Jas. M. Bivins, J. B. Tufts, Solomon Cohen, and Fred. H. Sanford, and of I. P. Garvin, L. P. Strong and Fred. H. Sanford, as Representatives, were received and referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns. Only one of the committee being present, the M. W. G. M. added the names of P. G's. Barnes and Huson, who retired and made the following report:

The Committee on Elections and Returns report that they have examined the certificates of the following brothers, and find them correct, viz:

I. P. Garvin, No. 10, as V. G. and N. G.; L. P. Strong, No. 2, as V. G. and N. G.; Geo. W. Adams, No. 9, as V. G. and N. G.; Jas. M. Bivins, No. 5, as Secretary, V. G. and N. G.; J. B. Tufts, No. 1, as Secretary, V. G. and N. G.; Sol. Cohen, No. 1, as Secretary, V. G. and N. G.; F. H. Sanford, No. 4, as V. G. and N. G.; I. P. Garvin, Representative and Proxy of Miller Lodge, No. 10; L. P. Strong, Representative of Franklin Lodge, No. 2; F. H. Sanford, Representative in place Brother J. C. F. Clark, Representative of Sylvan Lodge, No. 4.

WM. STEELE,
JACKSON BARNES,
T. R. HUSON,
THOS. PURSE,
} *Committee.*

The R. W. G. Warden then retired and found the following brothers in waiting: I. P. Garvin, L. P. Strong, George W. Adams, and Jas. M. Bivins; and on examination finding them correct, the Side Degrees to which they were entitled, were conferred upon them; they were then conducted in and the Grand Lodge Degree conferred. The M. W. G. M. made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

It affords me peculiar pleasure to meet the members of the Grand Lodge, and to exchange with them congratulations on the continued prosperity of the Order within this jurisdiction. Since our last annual communication, the Grand Lodge of the United States has convened in extra and in regular session, and the result of the labors and deliberations of that Lodge has been the completion of a thorough reform in the work of the Order. The report of our R. W. G. Representatives and the concurrent opinions of Lodges in various sections of our country with whom the new work is already in use, assign to it the high praise of appropriate simplicity united with sin-

gular felicity of expression. I regret that causes of which I am ignorant have, up to the present time, prevented the books from reaching my office, but I trust that in a very short time the Lodges in this State will be supplied, and enabled, in common with their sister Lodges elsewhere, to enjoy the benefits of the change.

No alteration worthy of particular remark in the condition of the Order under my jurisdiction has happened since the last session. The number of Lodges has not increased, but the reports of the several Lodges on file in the office of the R. W. G. Secretary afford satisfactory evidence of the healthy condition of the institution. The returns of the members exhibit a constant and gratifying increase in the number of the initiated, and while our fraternity in more densely populated regions is rapidly augmenting, we have every reason to be satisfied with an advance on our part, steady if not so rapid. During the last term, accompanied by my officers, I visited officially the three Lodges in this city, and was much pleased with their work. It had been my intention, as it certainly was my anxious desire, to have paid similar visits to the other Lodges in the State before meeting you on the present occasion, but the delay in the transmission of the new work has prevented the accomplishment of my purpose. As soon, however, as possible, after the reception of the work, I will commence an official tour, in the course of which I will be enabled as well to enjoy the pleasure of meeting my brethren of the interior Lodges as to perform my duty of instruction in the revised work.

I have had under consideration two alterations in the laws of this Grand Lodge, which reflection has satisfied me will conduce to the welfare of the Order in this State. The first is such an alteration as will require a balloting for the admission of Past Grands to membership in this body. The second is a change in the existing laws so as to relieve the Grand Lodge treasury from the expense of Representatives, and to require each Subordinate to com-

pensate its own Representatives. I am persuaded that these alterations are demanded by our condition, and I therefore present them to your notice now, in order that you may give to them proper attention before the next annual communication, when, I hope, amendments based upon these suggestions, will be incorporated into your Constitution.

I improve the present opportunity to inform the Grand Lodge that I have appointed the Past Grands whose names follow, D. D. Grand Masters, to serve during my term of office, viz: J. Adam, of Washington Lodge, No. 7; M. Woodruff, of Muscogee Lodge, No. 6; and T. R. Huson, of Cherokee Lodge, No. 8.

I commend to your earnest attention the proposed alterations in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge reported from the committee at the last communication and laid upon the table, according to rule until the next session. Although the subject cannot regularly be brought up at the present session, I direct your attention to it, so that you may properly prepare yourselves for its consideration when it shall come up in order.

R. WAYNE, *Grand Master.*

SAVANNAH, February 4th, 1846.

It was moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried. And after some discussion, on motion of adoption, it was referred by motion to a special committee of three to report thereon. The following Past Grands were appointed that committee: Anderson, Huson and Johnson.

Past Grand Barnes presented a petition of five brothers with their cards, praying for a charter to form a Lodge in Albany, (Baker county,) to be hailed as "Albany Lodge," which on motion, was referred to a special committee. The Grand Master appointed the following Past Grands: Lloyd, Huson and Steele.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form to meet at 10 o'clock next morning.

10 o'clock, A. M.,
SAVANNAH, FEB. 5th, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met this morning pursuant to adjournment — Present, the officers and a due representation. The roll called. The minutes of the meeting the afternoon previous were read and confirmed.

Past Grands Cohen, Tufts and Sanford being in waiting, the R. W. Grand Warden retired, and finding them correct, they were conducted in, and the G. L. Degree conferred upon them.

The Committee on Order of Procession asked further time, which was granted.

The Committee on By-Laws asked further time, which was granted.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Johnson, and carried:

Resolved, That the trappings used for the Grand Marshal be disposed of and the proceeds placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and that in future the Grand Marshal shall walk.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Conley, seconded by Past Grand Lloyd:

Rssolved, That the resolution on page 13 of the printed proceedings of the last annual communication of this body in the following words — "Resolved, That any brother of this Order belonging to any Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, who shall be concerned in a duel, either as principal or second, shall be forthwith forever expelled from the Order: nor shall any Subordinate Lodge grant a withdrawal card to any brother if they may have reason to believe that he demands it for the purpose of engaging in a duel and evading the punishment attached to that offence," be and is hereby rescinded.

After some considerable discussion, it was carried in the affirmative by the call of yeas and nays of the Representatives of the different Lodges.

YEAS — R. Wayne, J. N. Lewis, No. 1; Isaac Holmes, L. B. Strong, No. 2; W. Steele, F. H. Sanford, No. 4; J. Barnes, No. 5; B. Conley, No. 7; T. R. Huson, No. 8; I. P. Garvin, No. 10.

NAYS — J. P. Collins, No. 3; J. W. Anderson, and J. R. Johnson, No. 9.

The Committee on the Application for a new Lodge to be located in Albany, (Baker county,) made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Geo. B. King, Jas. A. H. Macon, Geo. Alden, Gilbert M. Williams, Youel G. Rust, for a new Lodge, to be located at Albany, in this State, and to be entitled "Albany Lodge, No. 11," beg leave to report — That they have examined the cards and recommendations accompaning the petition, and find the cards and qualifications of the applicants to be correct, and the recommendation of United Brothers' Lodge, from which body most of the applicants have withdrawn, gives them every reason to believe that the new Lodge will be an ornament and benefit to the Order. We recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of George B. King, Jas. A. H. Macon, Geo. W. Alden, Gilbert M. Williams, and Youel G. Rust, for a Lodge to be entitled "Albany Lodge, No. 11," at Albany, in this State, be granted, and that a charter be filled up and signed by the proper officers and delivered to the applicants upon the payment of the usual fees.

THOS. E. LLOYD,
WILLIAM STEELE, } *Committee.*
T. R. HUSON,

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's report made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Master, have had under consideration the recommendations contained therein. The first recommendation is an alteration requiring balloting for the

admission of Past Grands as members of this body. Although the suggestion, if carried out, might conduce to the welfare of the Order, still we have arrived at the conclusion that, under present usage, Subordinate Lodges have the right to select their N. G. and all Past Grands in good standing in their respective Lodges, have a right to a seat in this body. We are, therefore, constrained to report against the recommendation, but recommend that our Representatives at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to bring this subject before that body. With regard to the second recommendation, viz: That each Subordinate Lodge compensate its own Representatives; in this we fully concur, and would press its favorable consideration on this body, and in the amendment of the By-Laws we hope this principle will be adopted.

J. W. ANDERSON,
T. R. HUSON,
J. R. JOHNSON, } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was received and the recommendations taken separately. The first in relation to balloting was stricken out, and the balance of the report laid upon the table until the next session.

The Committee on Quarterly Returns made the following report:

Months.	*Names and No's. of Lodges.*	*P. G's.*	*Members*	*Revenue.*	*Relief.*	*Due G. L.*
Oct.....	Oglethorpe Lodge,...No. 1..	11	244	557 93	186 50	17 10
Jan. ...	" No. 1..	13	253	503 14	236 50	6 50
Sept ...	Franklin Lodge.....No. 2..	11	165	277 90	20 00	9 70
Dec.....	" No. 2..	12	170	279 77		9 20
Sept ...	Live Oak Lodge.....No. 3..		160	329 46		6 50
Dec	" No. 3..	12	161	233 94		5 80
Sept ...	Sylvan Lodge.....No. 4..					3 50
Dec.....	" No. 4..	8	54	199 27		13 90
Sept ...	U. Brothers Lodge ..No. 5..	7	83	180 00		7 50
Dec.....	" No. 5..	7	94	300 83	50 00	15 40
Oct.....	Muscogee Lodge....No. 6..		109	217 00		15 58
Dec.....	" No. 6..		114	135 00		9 70
Sept ...	Washington Lodge..No. 7..		171	119 00		11 90
Dec.....	" No. 7..		187			22 60
Sept ...	Cherokee Lodge ....No. 8..		37	55 00		5 50
Dec.....	" No. 8..		38	15 00		1 50
Sept ...	DeKalb Lodge.....No. 9..	2	87	283 85	40 00	13 00
Dec.....	" No. 9..	3	92	277 73	10 00	9 30
Sept ...	Miller Lodge.....No. 10..		54	136 00		13 60
Dec.....	" No. 10..		79	260 00		26 00

THOS. PURSE, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted.

The following invitation was received from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the celebration, which was accepted :

SAVANNAH, 4th February, 1846.

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—

In behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, I most repectfully invite the Grand Lodge to unite in the celebration on the 6th instant.

Respectfully yours in F. L. & T.,

JNO. N. LEWIS,

Chairman of Committee.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Steele and carried :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to return all quarterly reports received from the respective Subordinate Lodges which have been reported as imperfect by the Committee on Returns, for correction, retaining the amount of their dues which have been received.

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Representatives of Lodges, shall receive two dollars per diem and two dollars for every thirty miles of travel for their attendance on the Grand Lodge.

R. Wayne,	$8 00
J. N. Lewis,	8 00
I. Holmes,	32 00
L. P. Strong,	28 00
W. Steele,	26 00
F. H. Sanford,	26 00
J. Barnes,	28 00

J. P. Collins,	8 00
J. S. Morel,	4 00
B. Conley,	26 00
T. R. Huson,	44 00
J. W. Anderson,	8 00
J. R. Johnson,	8 00
I. P. Garvin,	22 00
Total,	$276 00

Resolved, That the sum of four dollars be paid brother W. Yorke, for his attendance on this body during its semi-annual communication.

THOMAS PURSE,
JNO. W. ANDERSON, } *Committee.*

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Conley, and seconded by Past Grand Barnes, and unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, I. O. O. F., recognise brother F. M. Robertson, late of Washington Lodge, No. 7, held at Augusta under this jurisdiction, and now a member of Marion Lodge, No. 2, held in Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, as a legally qualified Past Grand, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish brother Robertson a certificate of the fact, with a request to the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina to confer upon him the Past Officers' Degrees to which he is entitled.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Conley, and unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the officers and brothers of DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, for the use of their room for the meetings of this body during the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, with a copy of the above resolution.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary.*

SAVANNAH, 5th August, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met this morning at DeKalb Lodge Room, it being its regular annual communication.

The Lodge was opened with prayer by the W. G. Chaplain.

Present —

RICHARD WAYNE,	*M. W. Grand Master.*
J. J. JONES,	*R. W. D. Grand Master.*
JOHN N. LEWIS,	*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
J. P. COLLINS,	*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
JOHN R. JOHNSON,	*W. Grand Marshal.*

Past Grand E. S. Kempton was appointed Grand Guardian *pro tem.*

Past Grand John Oliver was appointed Grand Conductor *pro tem.*

The minutes of the semi-annual communication were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Elections and Returns were presented with the certificates of Past Grands, quarterly reports of Subordinate Lodges, and certificates of Representatives. There being but one member of that Committee present, the places of the absentees were filled by the Grand Master with Past Grands R. Austen and Geo. W. Adams; and the Committee having retired, made the following report:

That they have examined the following certificates and report as follows:

Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1 — Jno. Southwell, V. G. and N. G.; J. W. Owens, V. G. and N. G. — Correct.

DeKalb Lodge, No. 9 — L. O. Reynolds, V. G. and N. G.; R. H. Griffin and O. P. Felt, Secretary, V. G. and N. G. — Correct.

Franklin Lodge, No. 2. — G. S. Obear and M. L. Graybill, Secretary, V. G. and N. G. — Each informal from want of seal and signatures of proper officers.

United Brothers' Lodge, No. 5 — E. D. Williams, Secretary, V. G. and N. G. — Informal as above.

THOS. PURSE,
ROBT. AUSTEN, } *Committee.*
GEO. W. ADAMS,

SAVANNAH, August 5th, 1846.

The Committee on Elections and Returns also report that the following brothers have certificates as Representatives, properly authenticated for one year:

Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1 — Thos. E. Lloyd, John Southwell, John W. Owens; against which a protest has been handed to this Grand Lodge, signed by J. B. Tufts, J. Oliver, G. Butler, and E. S. Kempton, Past Grands.

Franklin Lodge, No. 2 — Geo. S. Obear, M. L. Graybill, J. J. Jones.

Live Oak Lodge, No. 3 — Jas. S. Morel, E. Parsons.

Sylvan Lodge, No. 4 — Fred. H. Sanford, J. C. F. Clark.

United Brothers' Lodge, No. 5 — A. B. Hartwell, E. D. Williams.

Muscogee Lodge, No. 6 — Wiley Williams, M. Woodruff.

Washington Lodge, No. 7 — L. D. Ford, Jas. Adam, B. Conley.

Cherokee Lodge, No. 8 — N. M. Calder, M. Conley.

DeKalb Lodge, No. 9 — Geo. W. Adams, L. O. Reynolds.

Miller Lodge, No. 10 — Robert Austen, I. P. Garvin.

Albany Lodge, No. 11 — Geo. B. King, F. O. Welch.

THOS. PURSE,
R. AUSTEN, } *Committee.*
GEO. W. ADAMS,

SAVANNAH, 5th August, 1846.

Past Grand Williams, of No. 6, offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Elections, be received, and that the Representatives reported

by said Committee be recognised as such, with the exception of the return from Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, to which there is a protest presented.

Past Grand Anderson, of No. 9, offered the following resolution, which was carried :

Resolved, That the certificates of the Representatives of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, together with the protest of certain Past Grands of said Lodge, be referred to a special committee with power to send for persons and papers — the committee to consist of three, to be appointed by the Chair.

Past Grands Adams, of No. 6, Austen and Garvin, of No. 10, were appointed.

Past Grand Johnson, of No. 9, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the Side Degrees and Grand Lodge Degrees be conferred on all Past Grands at present in waiting whose certificates may be informal, provided evidence of their being Past Grands from the Grand Secretary's record be shown.

The Grand Warden then retired, and having given the Side Degrees, the following Past Grands were conducted in and the Grand Lodge Degree conferred:

J. Southwell, J. W. Owens, of No. 1; Geo. S. Obear, M. L. Graybill, No. 2; E. D. Williams, No. 5; N. M. Calder, M. Cooley, No. 8; R. H. Griffin, O. P. Felt, L. O. Reynolds, No. 9; Geo. B. King, No. 11.

The following certificate was presented by Past Grand King:

Grand Lodge, State of Georgia, I. O. O. F.,
SAVANNAH, August 5th, 1845.

I certify that Franklin O. Welch, of Albany Lodge, No. 11, has served as N. G. in said Lodge the last term of said Lodge.

GEO. B. KING, P. G.,
Albany Lodge, No. 11.

It was moved and carried that the certificate be received, and the Degrees conferred.

The Grand Warden retired, and finding the Past Grand correct, the Degrees were conferred.

The M. W. Grand Master presented the following report, which was read, and, on motion of Past Grand Purse, of No. 1, the report was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia :

The occasion has arrived for presenting to you the last report on the state of the order under your jurisdiction, which it will be incumbent on me to make. I approach the discharge of this duty with feelings of gratification at the happy condition of our institution and its steady advance in public favor. Brilliant and remarkable as were the triumphs achieved by the Order in its infancy and early youth, the fruits of its maturity have more than satisfied expectation. Every where throughout our own country the insignia of our charitable brotherhood are visible, and even under foreign governments its benevolence and benificence are in full practice. Popular prejudices have passed away before the unconquerable influence of facts, the unpretending and faithful discharge of the high duties which we have voluntarily assumed, has convinced the world of the true character of our fraternity, and a society born in adversity and nurtured in the lap of suffering, has assumed its exalted position as the greatest and most successful of all establishments for the relief of failing humanity. The initiated have swoln into a host, and the annual increase is numbered by tens of thousands. All classes and descriptions of men forgetting religious differences and political feuds join in harmonious efforts to advance our cause and to spread still further and wider the principles of universal charity, which are the unceasing lessons of Odd-Fellowship. For such success, for so un-

exampled prosperity, we have reason to be deeply thankful and it becomes us to acknowledge with devout gratitude the blessings with which our struggles have been crowned by that Being whose greatness and goodness are so constantly impressed upon our minds by the solemn teachings of our Society.

The course of the Order in this State during the past year has not been checkered by any very remarkable occurrences. The different subordinates have managed their affairs creditably, so far as my Deputies have informed me and my own knowledge extends. A moderate but respectable advance has been made in the number of contributing members; and since your last communication two new Lodges have been instituted and have commenced their work under favorable auspices. I am advised also that the preliminary arrangements have already been made for applications for two more charters in the course of the ensuing fall. The wide extent of territory and the comparatively sparse population of this State have been unfavorable to the rapid extension of your branch of the Order, but the foundations are now laid broadly and deeply, and a careful, prudent, and sagacious performance of your share of the work will soon accomplish the superstructure.

Your present communication will be one whose result may work much benefit or much injury. Patient experiment has proved the inadequacy of the local laws under which you have administered the government of the Order in this State, and you have already acknowledged the duty of correcting the evil. It is not going too far to say that the progress of the Order in Georgia has been interrupted by the want of that vigor and strength on the part of its supreme rulers, which can only be the result of wise laws wisely executed. I am persuaded, however, that you are ready and anxious to apply the remedy, and that before we separate, you will have addressed yourself in earnest to the great work of salutary reform, and built up a sys-

tem under which new life will be imparted to all who acknowledge you as their head. The responsibility which rests upon you is grave and serious, but I do not doubt your entire ability to sustain yourselves. The confidence of your brethren has raised you to the eminent rank which you are now enjoying; and I feel assured that you will labor long and diligently to repay by important services the kindness which has elevated you.

I cannot close my last written communication in my official capacity, without the expression of my unfeigned thanks for the assistance which has been given to me by the other Grand Officers, and the declaration of my entire satisfaction with their conduct and deportment in their several offices. With yourselves, as individuals, my official intercourse has been extremely pleasant, and I would be ungrateful if I did not acknowledge that your invariably correct deportment upon this floor has made my seat agreeable, and my duties as your presiding officer, light.

It remains for me to direct your attention to the reports which follow this, and which will give you the details of what has been done by us during the last year.

And now invoking the presence of the Grand Patriarch of the Universe at your councils, and earnestly hoping that he will preside over your deliberations and direct your labors to a successful issue, I take my leave of you with many thanks for the honors which you have bestowed upon me.

R. WAYNE, *Grand Master.*

SAVANNAH, August 5th, 1846.

The following report was made by the Grand Representatives:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

The undersigned, elected by a vote of this Lodge, as Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States

for the past year, attended that Lodge in the discharge of the duty assigned them, and in accordance with the usual custom, submit a report of such matters as came prominently before the Grand Lodge during its last annual communication. So long an interval has elapsed since that time, that many of the subjects must necessarily be familiar to the members of this body, but it may be profitable to give a rapid sketch of the more important items.

As soon as the Lodge was organized for business, we presented the application of this Lodge for a copy of the charter which had been destroyed by fire, which application was received and the prayer of the petition granted. It was our desire that, if possible, we should receive a *fac simile* of our original charter with the signatures of the Grand Officers of that year, and this brother Ridgely, the Grand Secretary, promised to procure and forward to us. During the past winter we received a communication from brother Ridgely, stating that it was difficult, if not impossible, to procure the charter we desired — such charters having been disused by the Grand Lodge, and the officers of that year living in distant sections of the country, and recommending that we should take a charter from the present Grand Officers, with a memorandum upon its margin of the date of our institution. We did not feel authorised to accept brother Ridgely's proposal, but recommend that it be accepted by this Lodge.

Upon motion and the request of the Grand Lodge, the Past Grand Sires gave instruction in the work of the Order through every degree. This work differed in some material points from the practice of the Lodges more immediately under our notice, and in such Lodges the practice has been changed to conform to the instructions then received. Uniformity in the work was strongly recommended by the Grand Lodge as necessary to the preservation of those means of knowledge by which we ascertain who indeed are connected with us in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth.

The ceremonies to be observed at the burial of a brother occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge, and excited considerable interest, arising from the fact of a collision which had occurred between a Minister of the Gospel and the authorities of a Lodge in South Carolina, over the grave of a deceased member of the Order. The Grand Lodge of the United States thought that it would be more conducive to the interest of the Order to allow the Grand Lodge of each State to determine the question for themselves, as the prejudices in certain sections of the country against funeral rites performed by any other than the dignitaries of the Church rendered general legislation inexpedient. The form to be used having been abolished with the old work, the question of course presents itself to the consideration of this Lodge, whether they will adopt any and what form of funeral service, and with what ceremonies it shall be conducted.

By a resolution of this Lodge at a former communication, the A. T. P. W. was allowed to be given to every Past Grand in good standing in his Lodge. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina petitioned the Grand Lodge of the United States to allow the Past Grands of that State the privilege of the A. T. P. W., but such a course was deemed highly inexpedient and refused. The committee consisting of experienced members of the Order declare that "from experience obtained where such a practice has hitherto been erroneously pursued, that it would be prejudicial to the interest of the Order at large." This statement is submitted as a guide for this Lodge in its future proceedings.

The matter of grievance between our own Lodge and that of our sister State of South Carolina, with regard to the admission by our Subordinate Lodges of citizens of that State, over whom she claimed exclusive jurisdiction, was considered in the Grand Lodge upon a motion to "adopt a law prohibiting Lodges from initiating persons belonging to other States without first obtaining the per-

mission of the State in which the applicant resides." The Grand Lodge refused to pass such a law, deeming the provision already made sufficient, and thus vindicating the course pursued by this Lodge. The great advantages which had accrued to brethren of the Order from the cards granted them while traveling and the timely assistance often rendered upon these recommendations to members in sickness and distress, induced the introduction of a resolution that cards should be granted the wives and widows of Odd-Fellows about to leave the places of their residence, invoking for them the same protection. This resolution was carried and the form of such a card appears in the printed report of the proceedings. It was also sought to attach to that card a Degree with the accompanying P. W. and sign, to give still greater validity to the card and prevent any abuse of the privilege; this was lost by a small vote, and will, in all probability, again be brought before the Grand Lodge at its approaching session.

Two events occurred during the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States which will constitute it an era in the history of Odd-Fellowship. The adoption of the revised work of the Order, and the grant of a charter to Oriental Lodge, No. 1, Liverpool, England. The revised work has now been in operation more than half a year, and it is unnecessary for us to dilate upon its merits. They must have been appreciated by all who, holding the Order in high estimation and desirous of its prosperity, were anxious that its lectures and charges should correspond with the noble principles which it inculcates, the friendly offices which it enjoins. This has been effected by the revised work. The precepts of Odd-Fellowship have been arranged and digested, and their simple, yet beautiful, enforcement in the instructions given to candidates can leave none unacquainted with those cardinal truths by which the conduct of an Odd-Fellow must be guided in the performance of those duties which he owes to his God, his country and his fellow-men.

The Order in America having derived its origin from the Manchester Unity, and having separated from that body on account of what they believed to be a departure from the intentions of its founders, it was peculiarly gratifying to have in England a Lodge working under our jurisdiction and exhibiting the pure and elevated tone of the Order in this country. We are in the advance in this age of improvement. Receiving the germ of our political opinions from that country, it has expanded and grown until in freedom and liberality it overshadows the parent stock, and having received the germ of our Order from the same source, we have returned it to them enlarged and liberalized under the fostering genius of our free institutions. The formation of this Lodge is gratifying as evincing the increase of our beloved Order. Its march is onward. The accomplishments of great results by efforts of combination is one of the peculiar characteristics of this century. Of this spirit our Order is a great Representative, using for its purposes a combination, not only of the physical and intellectual force of man, but likewise his moral nature. The effects must be equivalent to these causes, and a well founded experience justifies us in believing that the extension of the Order to countries beyond the ocean is but the first step towards its universal recognition and adoption by all civilized nations.

Respectfully, in F. L. & T.,

THOS. E. LLOYD, }
WILEY WILLIAMS, } *G. Rep'tives.*

On motion the report was received, and with the Grand Master's report, referred to a committee of three on each. Committee on first, (Grand Master's report)—P. G's, Griffin, Williams and Parsons. On the latter, (Grand Representatives' report)—P. G's, Owens, Collins and Clark.

The motion of P. G. Johnson, of No. 9, to strike out Article 10 of the Constitution of amendments, alterations, &c.—was taken up and unanimously carried.

A petition for a charter for a new Lodge with the cards of five brothers, to be located at Thomasville, Thomas county, in this State, to be hailed as "Oclockonee Lodge, No. 12," for which a dispensation had been granted, was presented; there being no objections to the granting of the charter, it was granted.

There being but two of the committee on the Constitution in attendance, the Grand Master appointed the following as said committee:

Lloyd, of No. 1; Jones, of No. 2; Collins, of No. 3; Clark, of No. 4; Hartwell, of No. 5; Williams, of No. 6; Calder, of No. 8; Griffin, of No. 9; Austen, of No. 10; and King, of No. 11.

P. G. Purse offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the nomination of Grand Officers now take place.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominate and the following is the result:

For M. W. G. M., John W. Anderson, of No. 9; for R. W. D. G. M., J. J. Jones, of No. 2; for R. W. G. W., M. Woodruff, of No. 6; for R. W. G. S., John N. Lewis, of No. 1; for R. W. G. T., J. P. Collins, of No. 3; for R. W. G. C., John Southwell, of No. 1; for Grand Representatives, F. Sandford, of No. 4; I. P. Garvin, of No. 10; R. H. Griffin, of No. 9; W. Williams, of No. 6.

P. G. Sandford, of No. 4, offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Georgia, will, on Friday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. proceed to the election of two Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be held at Baltimore, and all other elective officers of the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the protests of several Past Grands from Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the protest of several Past Grands against the mode in which the election of Representatives to this Grand Lodge by Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, was conducted, report: That after a full examination into the facts of the case, they find that the election referred to was in accordance with the regulations of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, one of which, the 15th Rule of Order, declares that all questions except otherwise provided for in the By-Laws, shall be decided by a majority of votes. The committee therefore deem the brothers presenting the certificates as duly elected.

GEO. W. ADAMS,
I. P. GARVIN,
R. AUSTEN,
} *Committee.*

A communication was received from the Secretary of Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, inviting the members to attend the funeral of a deceased brother.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

9 o'clock, A. M.
SAVANNAH, 6th AUG., 1846.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing a Constitution for this Lodge, beg leave to report, That they have in part, performed the duty assigned

them, and unanimously submit the Constitution accompanying this report as a fit and proper Constitution to regulate this body.

THOS. E. LLOYD, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION.

THE R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the State of Georgia exercises its functions by virtue of a charter granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America, and bearing date September 21st, 1843.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE, COMPOSITION AND POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Section 1. The style of this Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the State of Georgia.

Section 2. It shall be composed of Grand Officers, formally installed, Past Grands, properly certified and Representatives duly accredited by Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Section 3. It is the legislative head, ruling authority and supreme tribunal of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in the State of Georgia. It has power to enact any law not contravening the customs and usages of the Order, as from time to time, declared by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, not altering the work of the Order, or any of the several degrees belonging thereto, not derogating from the constitutional authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, or violating any of the enactments in pursuance thereof and not conflicting with the laws of the land. It has power to grant charters

for Subordinate Lodges, to be located within its jurisdiction. No Subordinate Lodge can be created within its jurisdiction by any other authority and none can continue to exist without its sanction. It exercises a general supervision over its Subordinates and has power to correct their errors in work by summary proceedings. It has power to try and finally to determine all controversies between Lodges under its jurisdiction, to hear and decide appeals from the judgments of any of its Subordinates, to try the Subordinates themselves and to inflict thereon the punishments of fine, suspension of their functions and forfeiture of their charters. It may permit a Subordinate to appeal from its judgment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, but no such appeal will lie without its consent, except in a case of expulsion of a Lodge, when the Lodge expelled may, after having delivered up its effects, appeal without the consent of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. All regularly promoted Past Grands, who are members in good standing of Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction and unattached to any other State Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, and no others shall be admitted, or retain membership.

Section 2. A Past Grand, seeking admission into the Grand Lodge, shall send to the Grand Secretary a certificate from the Subordinate to which he may be attached setting forth the offices which he has passed and his standing in said Subordinate.

Section 3. A Past Grand, promoted in a Subordinate other than that of which he may be a member when applying for admission into the Grand Lodge, shall send in a certificate of service from the Subordinate in which such service may have been actually performed and a

certificate of standing from the Subordinate of which he may be a member.

Section 4. A Past Grand, promoted in a Subordinate out of this State, shall send in a certificate of service from such Subordinate, a letter of request from the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he was promoted, authorising this Grand Lodge to confer upon him the Grand Lodge Degree and such of the Side Degrees as he may be entitled to, and a certificate of standing from the Subordinate of which he may be a member.

Section 5. A Past Grand, who has been a member of another State Grand Lodge, shall send in a certificate of that fact and of standing from such Grand Lodge and a further certificate of standing from the subordinate of which he may be a member.

Section 6. The certificates of applicants for admission, shall be referred to a standing committee of this Grand Lodge, hereinafter designated. If the report of the committee be favorable, the applicants shall undergo the necessary examination by the Grand Marshal, or, in his absence, by some other Grand Officer, appointed by the Grand Master for that purpose, and if they prove themselves in the several degrees, they shall be instructed by the Grand Warden, and introduced into the Grand Lodge.

Section 7. Every member of the Grand Lodge, in good standing, except the presiding officer, shall be entitled to a vote at all elections in the Grand Lodge, and on all questions before it, except when a vote by Lodges shall be ordered.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATES.

Section 1. Representatives shall be apportioned as follows:—Every Subordinate shall be entitled to *one* Representative, every Subordinate having one hundred members, shall be entitled to *two* Representatives, and every

Subordinate exceeding that number, shall be entitled to *two* Representatives for the first hundred, and *one* additional Representative for every additional fifty members.

Section 2. Representatives shall be elected by each Subordinate from among its Past Grands in good standing. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast, shall be necessary to elect. The regular election shall be held annually, at such time as each Subordinate may designate for itself, but must take place at a regular meeting. The Representatives shall retain their seats until the election and reception of their successors. Elections to fill vacancies may take place at the first regular meeting after the occurrence of the vacancies.

Section 3. Every subordinate Lodge prevented by any circumstance from sending a delegation from among its own Past Grands, may accredit a proxy or proxies, according to the number of Representatives to which it may be entitled. Elections for proxy Representatives may be held whenever occasion shall require, but must take place at a regular meeting. None but members of the Grand Lodge shall be chosen proxy Representatives.

Section 4. No member of this Grand Lodge, sitting as a Representative of his own subordinate Lodge, shall be recognized as the proxy Representative of any other Subordinate, nor shall any member hold a proxy from more than one Subordinate at the same time.

Section 5. Representatives and proxy Representatives shall present certificates of their election, which shall be referred to a standing committee hereinafter designated. If the certificates are reported correct by the committee, the members presenting the same shall be admitted to their seats.

Section 6. The necessary expenses of one Representative or proxy Representative from each Subordinate under this jurisdiction, coming to, attending and returning from, the sessions of the Grand Lodge, shall be paid out

of its treasury, but the expenses of all others, shall be borne by the several Lodges by which they are accredited.

Section 7. Two Subordinates, in good standing, may, through their Representatives, demand a vote, by Lodges, on any question, except an election, and whenever a vote shall be so taken, each Subordinate, in good standing, shall be entitled to as many votes as it can send Representatives under Section 1 of this Article. Should a Subordinate have more than one Representative present, and the Representatives be equally divided, such Subordinate shall be considered as not voting. Whenever a vote shall be taken by Lodges, none but Representatives or proxy Representatives shall be allowed to vote, except where the Grand Lodge may be equally divided, when the presiding officer, as usual, shall have the casting vote. In all cases of votes by Lodges, the yeas and nays shall be ordered and recorded.

ARTICLE IV.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Section 1. The elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. They shall be elected annually on the second day of the regular communication.

Section 2. The appointed officers shall be the W. Grand Chaplain, W. Grand Marshal, W. Grand Conductor, W. Grand Guardian, and as many District Deputy Grand Masters as the interests of the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, require. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Conductor, and Grand Guardian, shall be appointed annually, by the Grand Master, immediately after his installation, but their appointments must be confirmed by the Grand Lodge. The District Deputy Grand

Masters may be appointed by the Grand Master at any time during the Communications of the Grand Lodge, or in its recess, and shall go out of office with the Grand Master by whom they may be appointed, unless their appointments are renewed by his successor. Any appointed officer may be re-appointed.

Section 3. The nomination and election of each elective officer shall take place separately, in the order of enumeration in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 4. Nominations shall be made immediately before the election. No person, not a member of this Grand Lodge, shall be nominated for any office. No member shall be nominated without his consent being signified to the Grand Lodge, either orally or in writing. No member shall be nominated, unless he is in good standing himself and attached to a Subordinate in good standing. No member shall be nominated for Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, or Grand Representative, unless he is a member in good standing of a lawful Encampment of Patriarchs and exalted to the R. P. degree. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, shall not be nominated for re-election to the office past, until after the lapse of one full term, unless all other members nominated should previously decline. All other elective officers may be nominated for re-election.

Section 5. Elections shall always be by ballot and a majority of all the votes polled shall be necessary to a choice. Ballots for any person not in nomination shall be counted as blanks. If on any ballot there be a failure to elect, by reason of blanks, additional nominations may be received, on motion, for that purpose, and thereafter no blanks shall be counted. If more than two members be in nomination and the election fail, all candidates, except the highest two, shall be dropped before the renewal of the ballot. Should there, at any time, be more votes cast than members in good standing present, the election shall be void, and the balloting shall recommence.

Section 6. At every election the Grand Secretary shall call over the roll of voters. The call shall begin with the officer next in rank to the presiding officer and go through the list of officers, according to the enumeration in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article. The P. G. Masters shall next be called, according to seniority. The list of members shall then be called, beginning with the senior P. G. of Lodge No 1, and passing regularly down to the junior P. G. of the youngest Lodge. As each voter is called, the Grand Conductor shall present to him the ballot box and receive his ballot. After the ballot shall be closed, the presiding officer shall appoint two tellers, who shall count the votes under his supervision.

Section 7. The installation of Grand officers shall take place at such time during the regular communication as the Grand Lodge may, by resolution, direct, and shall be conducted by the sitting Grand Master, or a Past Grand Master. All officers shall be installed for one year, and until the installation of their successors.

Section 8. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, enforce the laws and preserve order in the Grand Lodge. He shall give the casting vote in all cases of equal division in the Grand Lodge; appoint Committees, when necessary, unless the Grand Lodge should order otherwise; fill vacancies occurring among the Grand Officers in the recess of the Grand Lodge, by special appointment; grant dispensations for opening new Lodges, under the restrictions hereafter provided and cause such Lodges to be instituted in proper form, and select the pass-word of the term and cause the same to be communicated to the proper officers of the several Subordinates. In the intervals between the communications of the Grand Lodge, he shall exercise its supervising power over Subordinates, correct their errors and, in doubtful cases, declare the usages and laws of the Order, both general and local. An appeal will lie from his decisions to the Grand Lodge, but they shall be bind-

ing until reversed. He shall visit, officially, at least once in every term, either personally, or by deputy, each Subordinate under his jurisdiction and investigate its standing and condition. When visiting Subordinates officially, he and his deputies shall be received with the honors of the Order. He shall be charged generally with the enforcement of the laws of the Order in the recess of the Grand Lodge, and adequate power shall be hereafter given to him for that purpose. He shall make a report on the state of the Order in this jurisdiction at every regular communication. He may, in his discretion, order special communications of the Grand Lodge, causing at least two weeks' notice thereof to be given to each Subordinate under his jurisdiction.

Section 9. The Deputy Grand Master shall assist the Grand Master in the performance of his duties. In case of the temporary absence, sickness, or suspension, of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside over the Grand Lodge and discharge the other duties of Grand Master, and in the event of a vacancy, occasioned by the resignation, death, or removal, from office of the former, the latter shall become *ipso facto* Grand Master, and all the powers, duties and responsibilities of that office shall devolve upon him.

Section 10. The Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in the preservation of order, shall have special charge of the inner door, subject to the control of the Grand Master, and shall confer personally, or by deputy, the Grand Lodge and Side Degrees upon all applicants duly qualified. Should any of the cases, provided for in Section 9 occur, and the office of Deputy Grand Master be vacant, the Grand Warden shall assume the office of Grand Master, temporarily, or permanently, as the emergency may require.

Section 11. The Grand Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, receive all communications, documents, letters,

papers, &c. intended for the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge, when in session, and in its recess, to the Grand Master; write all necessary communications on Grand Lodge business and conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, under its direction, when in session, and in its recess, under that of the Grand Master. He shall prepare all certificates, reports, &c. required from this Grand Lodge by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. He shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinates, receive all Grand Lodge dues and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer without unnecessary delay. He shall give to each Subordinate in this jurisdiction one month's notice of the regular communication, and two weeks' notice of all special communications. He shall superintend, under the direction of the Grand Master and Chairman of the Executive Committee, all printing ordered by the Grand Lodge, and provide, at its expense, necessary stationery for its use. His books and papers shall always be kept ready for the inspection of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Executive Committee. The Grand Lodge may require from him a bond, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, in such sum as it may designate.

Section 12. The Grand Treasurer shall be in charge of the money of the Grand Lodge, subject to such restrictions and supervision as the Grand Lodge may at any time deem necessary. He shall keep his accounts in as simple and plain form as possible, and shall be ready at all times to submit his books and papers to the inspection of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Executive Committee. He shall make a full report to the Grand Lodge of the business of his office at the expiration of his term. He may be required, by the Grand Lodge, to give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such sum as it may fix.

Section 13. The Grand Representatives shall attend

the sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, perform all duties imposed upon them by its constitution and laws, and faithfully represent the views of this Grand Lodge, when formally expressed. They shall be furnished with the certificate required by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office.

Section 14. The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the religious exercises of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor, shall assist in the business and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, under the control and direction of the presiding officer. The Grand Marshal shall take charge of all processions ordered by the Grand Lodge, and on such occasions may depute assistants. The Grand Guardian shall keep the inner door of the Grand Lodge, under the immediate control of the Grand Warden.

Section 15. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall be the agents of the Grand Master to supervise and visit the Subordinates out of the county of his residence, and to install their officers. As duputies of the Grand Master, they shall be vested with his power to correct errors and expound the laws. An appeal will lie from any of their decisions to the Grand Master, but, pending the appeal, such decisions shall be binding. The authority of each shall be confined to the district for which he may be appointed.

Section 16. Any officer may resign his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and all officers, except the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden, may resign during its recess, addressing their letters of resignation to the Grand Master.

Section 17. Vacancies occurring in the elective offices during any communication of the Grand Lodge, shall be filled at such communication, in the mode pointed out in this Article for the regular elections. Vacancies occur-

ring in the recess, shall be temporarily filled by the Grand Master, and at the next communication, the Grand Lodge shall elect in the mode already prescribed.

Section 18. Vacancies occurring at any time among the appointed officers, shall be filled by the Grand Master.

Section 19. Should a vacancy occur during the recess in the office of Grand Master, and by reason of any circumstance, the provisions of Section 9 and 10 of this Article, touching such a vacancy, be inoperative, it shall be the duty of the highest remaining officer to order a special communication of the Grand Lodge within two weeks to fill such vacancy, and until such communication the powers and duties of Grand Master shall devolve upon him.

Section 20. In addition to the duties laid down in this Article, all Grand officers shall perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

Section 21. The Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may appoint. The necessary expenses of the Grand Representatives, in going to, attending and returning from, the sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and the necessary expenses of the other Grand officers, in coming to, attending and returning from, the sessions of this Grand Lodge, shall be paid out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Section 1. There shall be three Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge, styled, respectively, Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Each shall be composed of seven members. They shall be elected annually in the above order, as soon after the Grand Officers as may be practicable. The Chairman of each Committee shall be first elected and the other members shall be chosen by

general ticket. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect a Chairman, but a plurality shall suffice to elect the other members. Any member of either of these Committees may be re-elected. In all other respects, the election of these Committees shall be conducted with the same forms and governed by the same rules as the elections of Grand Officers.

Section 2. The Legislative Committee shall be charged with the preparation of all business touching the alteration or passage of laws by the Grand Lodge. Every proposition or motion for such a purpose, which may not originate with the Committee, shall be referred to it for consideration and no debate shall be allowed thereon, until a report shall be received. To this Committee shall belong the duty of examining the By-Laws of Subordinates sent up to the Grand Lodge for confirmation, petitions for charters and the certificates of applicants for membership and of representatives.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be charged with the preparation of general business for the Grand Lodge. All communications, not merely formal, shall be referred to this Committee. It shall supervise the finances of the Grand Lodge, and, when necessary, devise ways and means for the support thereof. It shall be in charge of all investments and property of the Grand Lodge. It shall audit the accounts and examine the books and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and the returns of Subordinates. All bills against the Grand Lodge shall go before this Committee, and all motions involving the payment of money or questions of finance, shall be referred to it. No business, appropriate to this Committee and not originating with it, shall be considered by the Grand Lodge, until reported on by the Committee.

Section 4. The Judicial Committee shall be charged with the preparation of all business which may come before the Grand Lodge in its character of supreme tribunal. Controversies between Subordinates; appeals coming up

in due course from the judgments of Subordinates, the Grand Master, or acting Grand Master and charges against Subordinates, or Grand Officers, or members of the Grand Lodge, not of its own number, shall undergo a preliminary investigation by this Committee, and shall not be open to debate in the Grand Lodge, until the reception of a report.

Section 5. It shall be competent to the Grand Lodge, when referring business to these Committees, to designate the time when reports shall be made thereon, which time may be extended in its discretion; but when no other time shall be fixed, the reports shall be due at the meeting next after the reference.

Section 6. Vacancies, occurring in any of these Committees during the session of the Grand Lodge, shall be filled at the same communication, in the manner pointed out for the regular elections. Such vacancies, occurring in the recess, shall be temporarily filled by the Grand Master, should occasion require, and at the next communication thereafter the Grand Lodge shall elect in the manner already prescribed.

Section 7. These Committees shall be authorized to sit in the intervals between the communications of the Grand Lodge. The Judicial Committee shall have power to require the attendance of any member of the Order, actually in the county where such Committee may be in session, and to demand duly authenticated copies of all papers or records of subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, necessary in the discharge of its duties. An appeal will lie from its orders to the Grand Lodge when in session, or the Grand Master in the recess, but a new appeal may be taken from the decision of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge at its next communication.

Section 8. The powers and duties of these Committees may be further defined or increased by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

SUBORDINATE AND DEGREE LODGES.

Section 1. On the written petition of at least five members of the Order, accompanied by their withdrawal cards or a certificate from the Deputy Grand Master or one of the District Deputy Grand Masters, that the same have been deposited with such officer and are in due form, the Grand Lodge, if in session, may grant a subordinate charter and in its recess the Grand Master may issue his dispensation for opening a new Lodge; provided that no such dispensation shall be issued, if protested against by any Subordinate under this jurisdiction in good standing, but the petition and protest in such case shall be submitted by the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge at its next communication. Dispensations granted by the Grand Master shall be of force until the next communication of the Grand Lodge thereafter, when a charter in due form must be obtained, failing which, every Lodge working under such a dispensation shall become extinct.

Section 2. New Lodges shall be instituted by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, one of the District Deputy Grand Masters, or some member of the Grand Lodge, specially deputed by the Grand Master for that purpose. The necessary expenses of the instituting officer shall be borne by the new Lodge.

Section 3. No person shall hold membership in two Subordinates under this jurisdiction, at the same time, nor shall any such Subordinate confer honorary membership.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall prescribe a constitution for the Subordinates under its jurisdiction, which shall declare the general laws regulating such bodies and insure uniformity so far as necessary, but which shall not deprive such Subordinates of their inherent right to regulate their private affairs. The Constitution so prescribed, shall be binding upon the Subordinates until altered,

The power of altering the same shall belong to the Grand Lodge and shall not be delegated.

Section 5. The Grand Lodge may, at any time, pass laws for the establishment of Degree Lodges and ordain a constitution for their government.

ARTICLE VII.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

Section 1. Grand Officers and members of the Standing Committees neglecting the duties of their stations, may be fined or removed, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Section 2. Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge disobeying the lawful orders of the Grand Master, may be fined by him in a sum not exceeding five dollars for each offence, but may appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Section 3. Subordinate Lodges disobeying the lawful orders of the Grand Master, may be fined by him in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offence, but may appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. Subordinate Lodges, Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, refusing or neglecting to pay fines lawfully imposed, may be punished by additional fine and suspension, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Section 5. Every member of the Grand Lodge guilty of a violation of any law of the Order of force in this jurisdiction, shall be fined, suspended or expelled, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, but such suspension or expulsion shall only affect his standing in the Grand Lodge.

Section 6. Every Subordinate which may violate its charter or constitution, or any law of the Order of force in this jurisdiction, shall be punished by fine, suspension of its functions, or forfeiture of its charter, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Section 7. Charges under the two sections next preceeding the present, and motions to remove Grand Officers or members of the Standing Committees, shall be referred to the Judicial Committee immediately on their coming before the Grand Lodge, except when a member of that Committee shall be implicated or in any way concerned, and then they shall be referred to either of the other two Standing Committees, or a special Committee of seven, as the Grand Lodge may determine.

Section 8. Loss of standing or membership, in any Subordinate under this jurisdiction, shall destroy standing or membership in the Grand Lodge.

Section 9. While charges are pending in the Grand Lodge, or a motion to remove is undecided in the case of any Grand Officer, or member of a Standing Committee, such officer or member of committee, shall be incapable of exercising the functions of his station. The temporary vacancy so occasioned shall be filled in the mode hereinbefore fixed.

Section 10. Should the report of the Committee totally exonerate the officer, member, or Subordinate charged, and declare the charges frivolous or malicious, the members preferring such charges shall be fined in the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Section 11. The Past Grands, Representatives and Proxy Representatives of all Subordinates, which may neglect for two terms to make such reports and pay such dues as the Grand Lodge may require, shall loose the privilege of speaking and voting in their respective capacities, until the standing of such Subordinates shall be restored by full compliance with the laws.

ARTICLE VIII.

REVENUE.

Section 1. The fee for a charter, or dispensation for a new Lodge, shall be at least thirty dollars and shall in all cases accompany the petition.

Section 2. Every Subordinate under this jurisdiction, shall pay semi-annually for the support of this Grand Lodge, ten per cent. on its entire receipts, except such as may be derived from invested funds and donations.

Section 3. All fines imposed under Article 7, of this Constitution, shall be paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. In cases of emergency the Grand Lodge may increase the charter fee and dues, prescribed in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, or levy a contribution upon its Subordinates, but, unless the vote by Lodges is ordered, a majority of three-fourths of the members in good standing present, shall be necessary to pass a law for such purpose.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Section 1. The regular communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Savannah, annually, on the second Wednesday in June.

Section 2. Special communications of the Grand Lodge may be held on the call of the Grand Master, or any other officer hereinafter vested with authority for that purpose and on its own adjournment. Such communications may be ordered to be held in any county within this jurisdiction, where a Subordinate may be at work. No business shall be laid before the Grand Lodge at a special communication, except such as the order for such communication may specify.

Section 3. The Grand Lodge shall not be opened, or continue open, unless there are present at least seven members.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, when engaged in any business except the installation of officers, which ceremony may be conducted in the Scarlet Degree and on that occasion

all brothers of the Order, in good standing, who have attained to the last named degree, may be admitted.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments or alterations of this Constitution must be proposed at a regular communication by at least two Lodges, through their Representatives, and shall lie on the table until the next regular communication thereafter. Notice of such propositions shall be forwarded by the Grand Secretary, to each Subordinate under this jurisdiction, immediately after the communication at which the same may be offered, and no such proposition shall take effect, unless carried by a majority of two-thirds. The vote in all such cases shall be by Lodges.

A motion was made to suspend action on the above Constitution, to receive an additional report from the Committee on Elections and Returns.—Carried.

The Committee on Elections and Returns, beg leave to submit the following additional report:

That they have examined the certificate of P. G. John J. Jones, of Franklin Lodge No. 2, as Representative, and find the same correct. We have also examined the certificate of P. G. Geo. G. Faries, of Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, and find that he has served a regular term as V. G. and N. G., and therefore entitled to admission into the Grand Lodge; all of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. ADAMS, }
R. AUSTEN, } *Committee.*

The Grand Warden then retired, and having found the P. G. correct, he was conducted in and the Grand Lodge Degree conferred on him.

The report of the Committee on the Constitution, was then taken up, and the following resolution offered by P. G. Owens, of No. 1, was carried:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee upon the Constitution, be received, and the Constitution as reported, be adopted as the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, except those clauses in which blanks are left, and that the Lodge proceed to fill the blanks.

The blank was then filled with the second Wednesday in June.

P. G. Lloyd, of No. 1, offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the terms of the officers elected at this session of the Grand Lodge, do expire at the annual communication in the month of May next, or as soon thereafter as their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

The Committee on Constitution, asked for further time. Granted.

The Committee on Procession, asked for further time. Granted.

The Committee on Finance, asked for further time. Granted.

The Committee on Correspondence asked for further time.—Granted.

The Committee on Grievances, nothing to report.

The " " Revision of By-Laws, nothing to report.

The Committee on Printing, asked for further time. Granted.

The following report was made by the special Committee on the M. W. Grand Master's report, which, on motion, was received:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

The special Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Master's report, would respectfully submit the following:

After having carefully examined the M. W. Grand Master's report, they find nothing therein that requires any action of this Grand Lodge that does not legitimately come into the hands of other Committees already appointed.

ROBT. H. GRIFFIN,
W. WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*
E. PARSONS,

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Representatives, made the following report, which, on motion, was received:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the annual communication of 1845, ask leave to report:

That your Committee recommend the passage of a resolution directing the Grand Representatives to procure a charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, signed by the present Grand Officers, with a memorandum on the margin of the date of our institution, to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Your Committee recommend that they be allowed until the next session of this Grand Lodge to prepare a form of burial service to be used at the interment of a deceased brother, and that in the mean time the form of service prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, be used by the Lodges under this jurisdiction, provided that such service or any part of it may be omitted at the discretion of the N. G., or acting officer of the Lodge, and shall at no time be performed without the consent of the immediate friends of the deceased.

Your Committee recommend that the members of this Order shall, upon all funeral occasions, wear a black scarf, and such other badges of mourning, as are usual in such

cases, but the regalia of the Lodge shall never be worn unless, upon the death of a Grand officer of a State or of the United States, the Lodge shall, by a resolution, determine so to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted with the accompanying resolutions.

JOHN W. OWENS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be directed to procure from the Grand Lodge of the United States a charter signed by the present Grand Officers, with a memorandum on the margin of the date of its institution, to replace that destroyed by fire.

Resolved, That the Lodges under this jurisdiction adopt the form of burial service prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland until the Committee shall report another: Provided such service or any part of it may be omitted at the discretion of the N. G. or Acting Officer of the Lodge, and shall at no time be performed without the consent of the immediate friends of the deceased.

Resolved, That the members of the Order working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall, upon all funeral occasions, wear a black scarf, and such other badges of mourning as are usual on such occasions — that the regalia of the Lodge shall never be worn unless, upon the death of a Grand Officer of a State or of the United States, the Lodge shall determine so to do.

On motion, the foregoing resolutions were adopted.

The Grand Secretary's report was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Past Grand Johnson, of No. 9, offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the resolutions heretofore passed, bringing on the regular elections, be rescinded.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.,
SAVANNAH, AUG. 6th, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Elections and Returns report further that they have examined the certificate of Past Grand White, of Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, and find that he has served a regular term as V. G. and N. G., and therefore entitled to admission in the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. ADAMS,
ROBERT AUSTEN, } *Committee.*

The Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for this Grand Lodge beg leave, in furtherance of their duty, to report the accompanying Constitution as a fit and proper Constitution for the government of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and the Rules of Order and Course of Business, as proper for the government of this Lodge.

THOS. E. LLOYD,
JNO. J. JONES,
J. P. COLLINS,
JNO. C. F. CLARK,
A. B. HARTWELL,
WILEY WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*
N. M. CALDER,
ROB'T. H. GRIFFIN,
ROBERT AUSTEN,
GEO. B. KING,

The Rules of Order and Course of Business were then read and, on motion, adopted.

COURSE OF BUSINESS.

1. The presiding officer having taken his station, the officers and members shall take their appropriate seats and at the sound of the gavil, there shall be general silence.

2. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.

3. The roll of officers and representatives shall be called.

4. The minutes shall be read and disposed of.

5. Certificates shall be received and referred to the proper standing committee for immediate action.

6. The Side Degrees and the Grand Lodge Degrees shall be conferred upon duly qualified applicants.

7. Reports of Grand Officers shall be read and referred to the appropriate standing committees.

8. Communications shall be read, and such as are not merely formal, shall be referred to the proper standing committee.

9. Appeals shall be presented and referred to the proper standing committee.

10. The subordinate Lodges shall be called in their order, and each may through its Representative or Representatives, present any business, which shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee.

11. The Standing Committees shall report in their order.

12. Special Committees shall report.

13. Unfinished and new business shall come up.

14. The Grand Lodge shall be closed in due form.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The minutes may be confirmed in part and the remainder shall be referred to the head of unfinished business.

2. No motion shall be open to debate, until it has been seconded and reduced to writing and stated by the chair.

3. Every member when he offers a motion or speaks, shall rise and respectfully address the chair.

4. Members shall always confine themselves, while speaking, to the question before the Grand Lodge, avoiding personalities and indecorous language, as well as reflections upon the constituted authorities of the Order and of this Grand Lodge.

5. Should a member be called to order while speaking, he shall resume his seat until the question of order shall be decided, when if the decision be in his favor, he may proceed again.

6. Should two or more members rise about the same time, the presiding officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by unanimous permission of the Grand Lodge.

8. Any member may call for a division of the question, when the sense will admit thereof.

9. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed, and so down, but in all other cases, the consideration of amendments shall begin with the last and end with the first.

10. When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone in-

definitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend, and the motions just enumerated shall take precedence in the order of enumeration. The first four shall be decided without debate.

11. When a motion or resolution has been once negatived or indefinitely postponed, it shall not be again brought before the Grand Lodge at the same communication, but a motion to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, shall, nevertheless, be in order, under the rule hereinafter laid down.

12. A call for the previous question must be sanctioned by a majority of the members present, which shall be ascertained thus: The presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the main question?" and if a majority of the members present rise in answer, the question shall be immediately taken on the original proposition with the amendments already adopted.

13. Before putting a question, except under the provisions of Rule 12, the presiding officer shall ask "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" and if no member rise to speak, the question shall be put.

14. After the presiding officer has risen to put a question, and while he is addressing the Grand Lodge, no member of the Grand Lodge shall attempt to speak, walk out of or across the room, or hold private conversation.

15. No member shall be excused from voting, or serving on committees, except by vote of the Grand Lodge.

16. Except where the laws of the Grand Lodge provide otherwise, all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes.

17. Should the decision of a question be doubtful, the presiding officer may of his own motion, or on the call of any member, order a division of the Grand Lodge.

18. On the call of one-fifth of the members present the yeas and nays shall be ordered and recorded.

19. Motions to reconsider must be made and seconded by members who voted with the majority. Such motions must be made at the same meeting with the decision objected to, or at the next meeting thereafter, and the vote on the reconsideration shall be final.

20. Members, when speaking of other members, shall use the appropriate designations according to standing in the Grand Lodge.

21. The decision of points of order shall be originally with the presiding officer, but any member may appeal from such decision to the Grand Lodge and the question shall then be, "Is the decision of the chair the judgment of the Grand Lodge?" which shall be determined without debate.

The Constitution of subordinate Lodges was then taken up, and after some discussion, adopted

CONSTITUTION

OF

SUBORDINATE LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE AND POWERS OF THE LODGE.

Section 1. The style of this Lodge shall be ——— Lodge, No. —, I. O. of O. F.

Section 2. It exercises its functions by virtue of a charter granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of ——— and bearing date ——. It has power to initiate members and to confer degrees; to regulate its internal government

and to punish offences committed by its members against its own laws, or the laws of the Order of force in the State of Georgia; to raise means for its support and to administer all funds and property which it may acquire, and in general to do all other acts authorised by the uniform and well ascertained customs and usages of the Order. But all these powers are to be so exercised as not to conflict with the laws of the land, the general laws of the Order, or the enactments of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Georgia, to which this Lodge is subordinate.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall be the N. G., V. G., Secretary, Treasurer, Permanent Secretary or Syndic, and as many Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia as this Lodge may be entitled to. The N. G., V. G., S. and T. shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term. The P. S. or S. shall be elected annually, at the last meeting in December and the Representatives at such regular meeting as the By-Laws of this Lodge may designate.

Section 2. The appointed officers shall be the Chaplain, R. S. and L. S. to the N. G., W., C., O. G., I. G., R. S. S., L. S. S., who shall be appointed by the N. G.; and the R. S. and L. S. to the V. G., who shall be appointed by the V. G. These appointments shall be made on the installation night of each term.

Section 3. The nomination and election for each elective office shall take place separately and according to the enumeration in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 4. No member, not in good standing, shall be nominated for any office. The consent of every member nominated must be signified by him to the Lodge, either orally or in writing. No member shall be nominated for

N. G. who has not served one term as V. G., nor shall any member be nominated for V. G. who has not served one term as an inferior officer. No member shall be nominated for any other elective office, who has not been advanced to the Scarlet Degree. Nominations shall be made only on the night of election.

Section 5. Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia shall be chosen from among the Past Grands of this Lodge, in good standing, and shall be elected separately.

Section 6. No past officer shall be nominated for re-election to the office past, until after the lapse of one full term, unless all other members nominated should previously decline; but this disqualification shall not extend to the Permanent Secretary or Syndic and the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Section 7. Elections shall always be by ballot and a majority of the votes polled shall be necessary to a choice. Ballots for any person not in nomination shall be counted as blanks. If, on any ballot, there be a failure to elect by reason of blanks, additional nominations may be received on motion for that purpose, and thereafter no blanks shall be counted. If more than two members be in nomination and the election fail, all candidates, except the highest two, shall be dropped before the renewal of the ballot. Should there at any time be more votes cast than members in good standing present, the election shall be void and the balloting shall recommence.

Section 8. The installation of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting in each term, and shall be conducted by the M. W. G. M., R. W. D. G. M., or a D. D. G. M., but in the absence of all of said officers, the highest Grand Officer or senior Past Grand of this Lodge present shall conduct the same. Should any of the officers elect be necessarily absent on the night of installation, the Lodge may set apart some other night for the installation of such officer or officers, or proceed to a new

election as in case of vacancy. All officers shall continue in office until the installation of their successors.

Section 9. The N. G. shall preside at all meetings of the Lodge and enforce a due observance of all laws and rules binding upon this Lodge. He shall appoint committees in all cases not specially provided for, and shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided. He shall superintend all elections in the Lodge, and announce the result. He may in cases of necessity call special meetings of the Lodge, and shall in general be vested with all powers incident to his office by the usage of the Order and not in conflict with any law binding upon this Lodge.

Section 10. The V. G. shall assist the N. G. in the performance of his duties, and shall have special charge under the N. G. of the inner door. He shall inspect the ballot box at all elections of members in the Lodge and correct any error which the N. G. may commit in announcing the result. In case of the absence, sickness, or suspension of the N. G., he shall preside over the Lodge and discharge the other duties and exercise the powers of N. G. He shall in general perform all other duties recognised by the uniform custom of the Order as belonging to his office.

Section 11. The Secretary shall record all the proceedings of the Lodge; transmit, receive and answer all communications on Lodge business, under the direction of the Lodge, or any committee which it may appoint for that purpose; notify the chairman of every special committee of its appointment, and furnish him with a list of the committee and a copy of the resolution under which it was appointed, and perform such other duties as may be attached to his office by the laws of the Lodge.

Section 12. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the money of the Lodge, subject to such restrictions and supervision as may at any time be deemed necessary by the Lodge. He shall keep a faithful account of his re-

ceipts and expenditures and make a full report thereof to the Lodge at the end of his term. His books and papers shall always be ready for the inspection of the N. G. or any committee duly authorized. Other duties may be imposed upon him by the Lodge. He shall, if required by the Lodge, give bond conditional for the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum as the Lodge may fix.

Section 13. The Permanent Secretary or Syndic shall collect all moneys due to the Lodge and pay the same over to the Treasurer without unnecessary delay. He shall keep the accounts of the Lodge and be ready at all times to exhibit his books to the N. G., or any committee duly authorized. He shall keep a register of the members of this Lodge in which shall appear the name, age, occupation, residence and date of the admission of each, specifying thereon the degree to which each brother has been advanced, and preserving therein memoranda of all resignations, suspensions, restorations, deaths and expulsions in this Lodge. He shall prepare the reports of the work of the Lodge required by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, and shall perform all other duties required of him by the laws or resolutions of this Lodge. He shall give such bond and receive such compensation as the Lodge may from time to time direct.

Section 14. The Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia shall attend the sessions of that body; perform all duties imposed upon them by its constitution and laws, and faithfully represent the views of this Lodge when formally expressed.

Section 15. The powers and duties of all other officers shall be regulated by the ancient usage and uniform custom of the Order.

Section 16. Should vacancies occur among the officers of this Lodge, they shall be filled according to the rules laid down in this Article, and every brother so elected or appointed for the residue of an unexpired term, shall be entitled to the full honors of the office and term; but no

elective officer so elected shall enter upon the duties of such office until he has been specially installed. Such elections and appointments must be made at a regular meeting and the ceremony of installation may be performed on the same night by any duly qualified member.

Section 17. Elections of Proxy Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia may be held whenever occasion shall require, but must take place at a regular meeting of this Lodge. The choice shall be made from among the members in good standing of the said R. W. Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. No person shall be eligible to membership in this Lodge who has not attained the age of twenty-one years, is not free from bodily infirmities of a serious nature, or does not believe in a Supreme Being the Creator and Preserver of all things.

Section 2. No person, a resident of another State and in whose immediate neighborhood a regularly organized Lodge of this Order is known to be located, shall be admitted into this Lodge by initiation, nor shall any person be so admitted whose residence is in another county of this State in which county a sister Lodge is at work, unless the petition of the applicant be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from such sister Lodge.

Section 3. No person shall be eligible to membership in this Lodge, who has previously been a member of the Order, unless he shall produce satisfactory testimony that he honorably withdrew from the Lodge of which he was last a member.

Section 4. Application for admission shall be made by petition in writing, signed by the applicant, and by two members of this Lodge, in good standing as vouchers. The petition shall set forth the age, occupation and resi-

dence of the applicant, and a minute thereof shall be entered by the Secretary in his record. The petition shall be received as of course, and the N. G. and V. G. shall conjointly appoint a committee of three to investigate the character of the applicant, and no action shall be taken on the petition until the committee shall have reported. The N. G. shall appoint two members of the committee and the V. G. one.

Section 5. The vote on applications for membership shall always be by ballot. If on examination of the ballot box three black balls or more be found, the candidate shall be declared rejected; but if less than three the petition shall be referred back to the committee of investigation, and one week's time shall be allowed them to reconsider the case. When the second report of the committee shall be brought in, the ballot shall be renewed, and if less than three black balls be cast, the applicant shall be admitted. The number of black balls against a rejected candidate shall always be recorded.

Section 6. At any time before the initiation of a member elect, the Lodge may, for good cause, rescind the vote by which he was elected. In case of rejection the Lodge may re-consider the vote at the same meeting, or the next regular meeting thereafter, upon the showing of all the members who voted against the applicant, or all but two that they voted black balls accidentally, or under wrong impressions.

Section 7. Notice of all rejections by this Lodge shall be sent to all Lodges under this jurisdiction within ten miles of this Lodge, and to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia; and no applicant rejected by this Lodge, or of whose rejection by any other Lodge, this Lodge may have notice, shall be permitted to petition this Lodge anew, until after the lapse of twelve months from the date of such rejection.

Section 8 No petition for admission shall be withdrawn after the investigating committee have made their report.

Section 9. Every person duly elected a member of this Lodge, and failing to present himself for initiation or admission, for the period of four weeks after his election, shall forfeit his right thereto, unless he shall render a good and sufficient excuse to be approved by the Lodge.

Section 10. The fee on the initiation of new members, and on the admission of ancient Odd-Fellows, (that is to say, brothers holding withdrawal cards more than twelve months old,) shall be not less than five dollars; and the fee on the admission of brothers whose withdrawal cards are not out of date, shall be not less than two dollars. In every case the admission fee shall accompany the petition, but shall be returned in case of the rejection of the applicant. Nothing herein contained shall prevent this Lodge from receiving again in membership, without fee, any of its members who may withdraw for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Section 1. Every member of this Lodge shall contribute for its support not less than four dollars per year, in quarterly payments.

Section 2. Every member in good standing, who has been advanced to the Scarlet Degree, or has been a member of this Lodge twelve months, shall in case of disability to follow his ordinary occupation, not occasioned by drunkenness or other immorrality, be entitled to at least three dollars per week out of the treasury of this Lodge, but should a brother be afflicted with permanent disease, the weekly benefit may be reduced, if a due regard to the claims of other members of the Lodge should make such a reduction necessary.

Section 3. On the death of a member qualified as above, at least twenty dollars shall be appropriated by this Lodge for funeral expenses; and on the death of the

wife of such a member, at least fifteen dollars shall be appropriated for the same purpose.

Section 4. The families of deceased members, qualified as above, shall be entitled to relief and assistance out of the treasury of the Lodge, but the amount to be so paid and the mode of payment, shall be regulated by the circumstances of each case.

Section 5. Brothers of the Order in possession of authentic visiting cards and in distress, shall receive from the Lodge such assistance as they may need, and as this Lodge shall have the ability to extend.

ARTICLE V.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

Section 1. Every officer or member of committee shall be subject to fine, suspension, or removal, for neglect of duty.

Section 2. Every officer who shall absent himself for more than four successive Lodge nights, without sufficient excuse to be judged of by the Lodge, shall lose his office.

Section 3. Every member of the Lodge who shall disobey any lawful order of the presiding officer, or infringe any law or rule of this Lodge, shall be subject to fine in the discretion of the Lodge.

Section 4. The penalties for grave offences against the principles or laws of the Order shall be fine, suspension, or expulsion, according to the nature of the offence. Charges must be preferred in writing, and a special committee of five shall be appointed to consider them. The committee shall summon the parties, examine the evidence and report at the next regular meeting of the Lodge if possible. They shall have power to require the attendance of any member of this Lodge whose testimony they may consider important, and any member refusing to attend shall be fined by the Lodge. If the report of the committee be favorable to the accused the Lodge shall

take immediate action thereon; but if the committee consider fine, suspension, or expulsion necessary, they shall submit a resolution therefor which shall lie on the table until the next regular meeting thereafter, or longer, and to carry which a majority of two-thirds of the member present shall be necessary. The accused shall be immediately notified of such resolution by the Secretary, and shall be at liberty to make defence before the Lodge.

Section 5. While charges are pending, or a motion to suspend or expel is undecided in the case of any officer of this Lodge, such officer shall be incapable of exercising the functions of his office, and the temporary vacancy so occasioned shall be filled by the presiding officer.

Section 6. Should the committee report that the charges are frivolous or malicious, the member or members preferring the same may be fined in the discretion of the Lodge.

Section 7. Notice of all expulsions shall be sent to the other Lodges in this State and to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia. No expelled member shall be allowed to be a candidate for re-election into the Order until after the lapse of one year from the time of such expulsion—and not then without the sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia.

Section 8. Members in arrears more than one quarter shall not be allowed to speak or vote on any question before the Lodge, and those in arrears more than one year shall be indefinitely suspended, unless a sufficient excuse for such default shall be communicated to the Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

DEGREES.

Section 1. Until the establishment of a regular Degree Lodge within the immediate neighborhood of this Lodge,

the subordinate degrees shall be conferred by such officers or members of this Lodge as are qualified; but the mode of electing brothers to receive the same, and the time, place and manner of conferring the same, shall be regulated by the By-Laws.

Section 2. The fee for each degree shall be at least three dollars, payable in advance.

ARTICLE VII.

CARDS.

Section 1. Withdrawal and Visiting Cards shall be applied for in open Lodge and shall be granted of course to all members of this Lodge in good standing. The fee for each card shall be at least twenty-five cents.

Section 2. When a withdrawal card shall have been applied for and granted, the connection with this Lodge of the brother to whom the same may be granted, shall immediately cease, and shall only be renewed in the mode pointed out in Article III.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS AND TERMS.

Section 1. The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be weekly, on such night as the Lodge may from time to time fix.

Section 2. The year of the Lodge shall be divided into two terms, beginning with the first week in January and July. The first meeting in each term shall be called the semi-annual meeting, and at that meeting the reports of the officers and the return of the Lodge shall be brought in.

Section 3. This Lodge shall never be opened, nor remain open, unless there shall be five brothers present, including one qualified to take the chair. After the transaction of its business, the Lodge shall be closed in due

form. It shall never resolve itself into committee of the whole, nor shall it ever adjourn from time to time.

Section 4. No motion or resolution once negatived or indefinitely postponed, shall be again brought before this Lodge during the same term, but a motion to reconsider the action of the Lodge thereon, made and seconded by brothers who voted with the majority, shall be in order at the same or next succeeding meeting, but not afterwards. The vote on the reconsideration shall be final for that term.

ARTICLE IX.

RETURNS.

Section 1. At the end of each term, this Lodge shall report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, the names of all persons initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn, suspended, or expelled, with the cause of suspension or expulsion, reinstated and deceased, together with the number of degrees conferred, the number of members in good standing, the amount of receipts for initiations, admissions, contributions, cards and degrees, and the per centage due to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Section 2. At the close of the term next preceding the regular communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, this Lodge shall report in addition to what is required in Section 1 of this Article, the names of all the members of this Lodge in good standing, specifying the Past Grands, and ranking the other members according to degrees. This annual report shall also include a statement of the amounts paid for relief of the sick, burial of members, burial of members' wives, relief of widowed families, and education of orphans; and the number of brothers relieved, brothers buried, brothers' wives buried, widowed families relieved, and orphans educated, severally. It shall also include a recapitulation under the heads designated in Section 1, of all the business of the Lodge for the year next preceding the date of such report.

Section 3. The report due shall be exhibited to the installing officer at every semi-annual meeting before installation, and on the next day thereafter, the said report shall be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, accompanied by the amount, in current money, due to the R. W. Grand Lodge. The Presiding Officer and Permanent Secretary or Syndic shall be specially charged with the duty of carrying this Section into effect.

ARTICLE X.

EXTINCTION OF THE LODGE.

Section 1. Whenever this Lodge shall fail for three successive months to hold a meeting, and whenever the number of its members shall be reduced below five including one qualified to take the chair, the Lodge shall cease to exist.

Section 2. Should the Lodge be extinguished in the mode pointed out in Section 1 of this Article, or should sentence of expulsion or forfeiture of charter be passed upon it by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, it shall be the duty of the officers or acting officers to surrender into the hands of any duly authorised Grand Officer, the charter, seal, books, papers, moneys, and all other property of every kind and description whatsoever, belonging to this Lodge, and the elective officers, or acting elective officers, are hereby empowered, whenever such an emergency may arise, to execute in the corporate name of this Lodge, whatever conveyances may be necessary for the above purpose, and to affix the seal of this Lodge thereto.

ARTICLE XI.

CONSTRUCTION AND BY-LAWS.

Section 1. This constitution shall not be altered or suspended by this Lodge, nor shall any attempt be made

to alter or suspend it, and whenever any doubts shall arise as to the proper construction of any thing herein contained, reference shall be made to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia when in session, and to the M. W. Grand Master in the recess of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Section 2. This Lodge has power to pass any by-law or code of by-laws not conflicting with any thing herein contained, or with any other law of force within the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia. A copy of all such by-laws shall be transmitted immediately after the adoption thereof to the R. W. Grand Lodge for examination.

ORDER OF PROCESSIONS.

1. All Grand Processions of Lodges of the I. O. O. F. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, shall be in an order inverse to the seniority of Lodges, that is to say, the junior Lodge will lead, and the Grand Lodge will close the procession.

2. Grand Processions shall be under the entire direction and control of the Grand Marshal, assisted by the Marshals of subordinate Lodges, who shall each, under the direction of the Grand Marshal be perculiarly charged with forming, ordering, and conducting their respective Lodges.

3. In all Grand processions, the Subordinate or Grand Lodges from foreign jurisdictions, or invited guests and visiters, who are not Past Grands, or of the Patriarchal Order, will be in the rear of the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, and in front of the Patriarchal Order.

4. If the Patriarchal Order be present, it will be in front of the Grand Lodge of this State.

5. When a Grand Procession has arrived at its destination, the Grand Marshal will halt it, open the ranks a

few paces and direct them to face inwards. He will pass down the open ranks, and ursher the Grand Lodge through to the head of the procession; the Patriarchal Order will follow, and then in succession the foreign Lodges, Visiters and Guests, and the subordinate Lodges, according to seniority. During this portion of the ceremony all the brethren, except the Grand Master, will be uncovered.

6. If there be music, it will be located in the procession, at the discretion of the Grand Marshal.

7. The internal arrangements of the Subordinate and Grand Lodges will be as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGES

1. Outside Guardian with drawn sword, followed by the Scene Supporters, with rods of office.
2. A scarlet member, bearing the charter of the Lodge supported by two scarlet members.
3. Banner of the Lodge, borne by a scarlet member, and supported by two scarlet members.
4. Warden, with his rod of office, and Conductor with the axe.
5. Treasurer, supported hy two members of the remembrance degree.
6. Secretaries bearing rolls.
7. Vice Grand with gavil, supported by his R. and L. Supporters, with rods of office.
8. Brothers Initiated.
9. Brothers of the White Degree.
10. Brothers of the Covenant Degree.
11. Brothers of the Royal Blue Degree.
12. Brothers of the Remembrance Degree.
13. Brothers of the Scarlet Degree.
14. Chaplain, with the Bible, supported by two scarlet members.

15. Noble Grand, with gavil, supported by R. and L. Supporters, with rods of office, crossed, forming an arch.

16. Inside Guardian, with drawn sword.

The Marshal, bearing batton of office with his Lodge, wheresoever his discretion may direct.

GRAND LODGE.

1. W. Grand Guardian.
2. Banner, borne by a P. G. supported by two P. G's.
3. Past Grands, inversely, according to seniority.
4. Past Grand Masters.
5. W. Grand Conductor, supported by two P. G's.
6. R. W. Grand Treasurer, supported by two P. G's.
7. R. W. Grand Secretary, supported by two P. G's.
8. R. W. Grand Warden, supported by two P. G's.
9. W. Grand Chaplain, with the Bible, supported by two P. G's. If the occasion require an Orator, he will be with the Chaplain; and the supporters will be dispensed with.
10. R. W. Grand Representatives, supported by two Past Grands.
11. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, followed by the W. D. D. Grand Masters.
12. Most Worthy Grand Master.

The Past Grands from other jurisdictions, will be in the rear of the Past Grands of this State.

The Grand Marshal, with his baton of office, will be wheresoever his discretion may direct.

If there be a committee of arrangements, the brothers who compose it, will be with their respective Lodges, and take their places according to rank in their Lodges. The members of the committee of arrangements will wear some uniform badge to distinguish them.

In all processions, consisting of subordinate Lodges only, the relative position and conduct of Lodges will be as has been prescribed, except that the Lodge at whose

request, and for whose particular benefit the procession is ordered, will take the post of honor, by closing the procession. Such procession will be under the entire direction and control of the Marshal of that Lodge which holds the post of honor, and he will be assisted by the Marshals of the other Lodges. If the occasion require an Orator, he will be with the Chaplain of that Lodge which holds the post of honor, (the supporters of the Chaplain being dispensed with.) The Past Grands will be with their respective Lodges, preceding the N. G. with these modifications, the internal arrangement of each subordinate Lodge, shall be as has been already prescribed. If there be foreign subordinate Lodges, visiters, or guests present, they will precede the Lodge which holds the post of honor.

Whenever the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia is present, in a procession, it will be considered a *grand procession*, and the order for grand processions as has been presbribed, will be observed, with this one exception, that if the procession be at the request and for the particular benefit of any one individual subordinate Lodge, that Lodge shall be placed in the rear of all the other subordinate Lodges present in the procession.

Whenever any Lodges within this jurisdiction are in procession, except on funeral occasions, all the insignia of office, and of the Order, shall be used, and no departure from what is strictly prescribed will be permitted.

FORMS.

[No. 1.]

CERTIFICATE OF A PAST GRAND.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

THIS will certify that Past Grand is a member, in good standing, of Lodge, No. ; and has regularly passed through the following offices, to wit:

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my official signature and caused the seal of said Lodge to be affixed this day of A. D.

N. G.

[L. S.] ATTEST,

S.

P. S. or S.

(The other certificates required by Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge will begin and conclude as above, but the body of the certificate may be changed according to the circumstances of each case.)

[No. 2.]

CERTIFICATE OF A REPRESENTATIVE.

(The Address to be as in Form No. 1.)

THIS will certify that Past Grand , a member, in good standing, of Lodge, No. , was, at a regular meeting of said Lodge, held A. D. , duly elected a Representative of said Lodge for the term of one year from the above date and until the election and reception of his successor.

(Conclusion as in Form No. 1.)

(When the Representative is elected to fill a vacancy, the certificate shall be as follows:)

(Beginning as above,) to fill the vacancy occasioned by the of Past Grand

(Conclusion as in Form No. 1.)

[No. 3.]

CERTIFICATE OF A PROXY REPRESENTATIVE.

(The Address to be as in Form No. 1.)

THIS will certify that Past Grand of was, at a regular meeting of Lodge, No. , held A. D. , duly elected Proxy Representative of said Lodge, to attend the ensuing (or *present*, if the Proxy be elected while the Grand Lodge is in session,) communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge: the powers of said Proxy to cease whenever a regular Representative of said Lodge shall present his credentials and be received by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

(Conclusion as in Form No. 1.)

[No. 4.]

PETITION FOR A SUBORDINATE CHARTER.

(The Address to be as in Form No. 1.)

THE undersigned, citizens and residents of the State of Georgia, respectfully represent that they are withdrawn members in good standing of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, (the evidence whereof is herewith presented,) and that they believe that the interests of the Order will be promoted by the establishment of a Lodge in . Wherefore they pray for a charter empowering them to work under the style of Lodge, No. .

Dated at this A. D.

(SIGNATURES.)

(The petition and charter fee must be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, accompanied by the withdrawal cards of the petitioners, or the following certificate, to wit:)

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

I, D. G. M. (or D. D. G. M.) do hereby certify that the withdrawal cards of the applicants for a charter for a new Lodge, to be hailed Lodge, No. , are in my possession and that the same are in due form.

Witness my official signature at this day of A. D.

D. G. M. (or D. D. G. M.)

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURN.

RETURN OF ——— LODGE, NO. ———, I. O. O. F., FOR THE TERM ENDING ——— ———, 18

Names of persons initiated.....	*Names of brothers admitted by card.*	*Names of applicants rejected...*	*Names of brothers withdrawn.....*	*Names of brothers suspended.....*	*Cause of suspension.....*	*Names of brothers expelled.....*	*Cause of expulsion.....*	*Names of brothers reinstated.....*	*Names of brothers deceased.....*

SUMMARY.	
Initiated.....	
Admitted by Card...	
Rejected	
Withdrawn.....	
Suspended.....	
Expelled	
Reinstated.....	
Deceased	
Degrees conferred..	
Members in good standing.....	
Elective officers for the ensuing term..	
	P. G.
	N. G.
	V. G.
	S.
	T.
	P. S.

RECEIPTS.	DOLLARS.....	CENTS.....
Contributions.....		
Initiations.....		
Admissions.....		
Cards, &c.....		
Degrees.....		
Total.....		
Per centage due R. W. Grand Lodge.....		

[L. S.] ATTEST. S. P. S. or S. N. G. V. G.

ANNUAL RETURN.

RETURN OF ——— LODGE, NO. ———, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 18

Members in good standing.																				
GRANDS	PAST	LET.	SCAR-	BRANCE	REMEM-	BLUE.	ROYAL	NANT.	COVE-	WHITE.	TORY.	INITIA-	RELIEF.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.	SUMMARY.	NUMBER.	RECEIPTS.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.	MEMORANDA.
													Weekly Benefits.....			Initiated.....		Contributions..			Location of Lodge.
													Burial of Members.....			Admitted by Card.....		Initiations.....			
													" " wives			Rejected		Admissions....			
													Widowed families.....			Withdrawn.....		Cards, &c.....			
													Education of Orphans..			Suspended.....		Degrees... ...			
													Miscellaneous.....			Expelled.....		Total.....			Place of Meeting.
													Total.....			Reinstated.....					
																Deceased.....					
														No.		Degrees conferred.....					
													Brothers relieved.....			Past Grands.....					Night of Meeting.
													Brothers buried.....			Members of 5th degree					
													Brothers wives buried..			" " 4th "					
													Widowed families rel'd			" " 3d "					
													Orphans educated.....			" " 2d "					
													Total.....			" " 1st "					
																Initiatory Members....					
																Whole number of Members in good standing					

[L. S.]

ATTEST.

N. G.
V. G.

S.
P. S. or S.

The following resolutions were offered by the Committee, and passed:

Resolved, That the Constitution of Subordinates, just reported by the Committee, be ordered to go into effect on the first day of October next.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed who shall be entrusted with all the papers reported by the Committee on the Constitution, and instructed to cause to be printed two hundred copies of a pamphlet containing the above matter, and in addition thereto, the forms, &c., reported by the Committee on Constitution.

Past Grands Griffin, Lloyd and Owens were appointed that Committee, under the above resolution.

The Committee of Elections and Returns presented the following report:

The Committee upon Elections and Returns report the following Lodges as having made their third and fourth quarterly returns, also their annual returns:

Names and No's of Lodges.	Location.	Number of Members.	No. P. G's.	Number of Initiated.	Suspended	Expelled.	Died.....	Revenue.	Relief.	Dues 3d & 4th Qr's..
Oglethorpe, No. 1	Savannah..	273	15	40	5	1*	..	2,362 04	902 50	41 90
Franklin, No. 2	Macon,....	164	14	26	18	..	..	1,290 43	240 00	21 30
Live Oak, No. 3	Savannah..	163	14	32	10	..	3	1,327 96	502 90	27 05
Sylvan, No. 4	Milledg'lle,	61	9	27	10	..	..	647 76	5 00	20 80
Un'd Bro's No. 5	Macon	109	7	47	..	1	1	1,033 16	100 00	37 40
Muscogee, No. 6	Columbus .	113	10	14	..	..	..	493 98	155 00	26 90
Washingt'n No. 7	Augusta ..	224	7	106	10	1	2	2,743 32	429 50	84 70
Cherokee, No. 8	Marietta ..	32	9	3	..	..	..	12 84	.....	3 55
DeKalb, No. 9	Savannah .	105	5	34	..	..	..	1,046 60	75 00	12 50
Miller, No. 10	Augusta ..	143	5	98	..	..	..	1,736 38	65 71	100 50
Albany, No. 11	Albany	32	2	2	..	..	..	509 02	.....	45 00
		1419	97	429	47	3	6	13,203 49	2,475 61	421 60

Sylvan Lodge, No. 4, third quarter's report, not signed by V. G.; United Brothers', No. 5, third quarter's report not signed by V. G., one member expelled, name or cause not stated in annual report. Washington Lodge, No. 7, one member expelled, name or cause not given in annual report.

Cherokee Lodge, No. 8, has not made her annual report,

*J. M. Isaacs, expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

number of members, &c. are taken from third and fourth quarterly returns; Albany Lodge, No. 11, has not made the annual or fourth quarterly report — number of members, &c. taken from the third quarter's report — number of Past Grands from the number in attendance at this communication of the Grand Lodge. In the returns for per centage from Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, in the 3d quarter they have overpaid two dollars and eighty cents; in the fourth quarter there is an error of four dollars; leaving due Grand Lodge, one dollar and twenty cents.

THOS. PURSE,
ROBT. AUSTEN, } *Committee.*
GEO. W. ADAMS,

The following report, &c. was received from the Finance Committee:

The Committee on Finance have examined the report of the Grand Secretary, and find the same correct. They have also examined the report of the Grand Treasurer, with vouchers, which they find correct, and which shows a balance in his hands of three hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-eight cents.

The following bills have been placed before them, which they have passed upon, and recommend that the same be immediately passed by the Grand Lodge, and paid from the money on hand:

P. G. Thomas, $92; Wiley Williams, $34; Locke & Davis, $4 37; W. H. Bulloch, $4 37; W. H. May & Co., $10 50; Thos. Purse, $2 12; W. Yorke, $8; Grand Secretary, $100; amounting to two hundred and fifty-five dollars and thirty-six cents.

We present the following estimate of the probable amount due Representatives and necessary for expenses of Grand Representatives:

No. 2—3	Past Grands,	Representatives,	at $28	each,	$84
" 4—2	"	"	28	"	56
" 5—2	"	"	28	"	56

No. 6—2	Past Grands,	Representatives,	at 42	each,	84
" 10—2	"	"	24	"	48
" 8—2	"	"	44	"	88
" 11—2	"	"	42	"	84
	Grand Representatives,		-	-	- 220
					$720

Amounting to seven hundred and twenty dollars, which, with the bills enumerated, make a grand total of nine hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-six cents as the sum necessary to meet the expenses of this communication. To meet the same there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer three hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-eight cents, which shows a deficiency of six hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety-eight cents. Your Committee feel a delicacy in suggesting any ways and means for making up this deficiency, and would leave it to this Grand Lodge to do it.

Respectfully,

JNO. W. ANDERSON, }
WILEY WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the above report be referred to the Executive Committee, when said Committee shall have been elected.

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit the following report:

That they have examined all the correspondence laid before them by the Grand Secretary, and find nothing therein requiring any action of this Grand Lodge.

A. B. HARTWELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Grievances of Lodges beg leave to report that they have nothing before them to bring to the notice of this Lodge.

THOS. E. LLOYD, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Printing report that they have discharged the duties confided to them. The minutes of the last communication, together with the blank reports ordered were printed and handed over to the Grand Secretary.

JNO. W. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensning year, and the following was the result:

M. W. Grand Master, John W. Anderson, of No. 9; R. W. D. Grand Master, John J. Jones, of No. 2; R. W. Grand Warden, M. Woodruff, of No. 6; R. W. Grand Secretary, Jno. N. Lewis, of No. 1; R. W. Grand Treasurer, J. P. Collins, of No. 3.

R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, R. H. Griffin, of No. 9; I. P. Garvin, of No. 10.

On motion, it was resolved that the Lodge now proceed to elect a Chairman of the Committees under the new Constitution, which resulted as follows:

R. H. Griffin, of No. 9, Chairman of the Legislative Committee; J. W. Owens, of No. 1, Chairman of the Executive Committee; T. E. Lloyd, of No. 1, Chairman of the Judicial Committee.

The Lodge then proceeded to elect the balance of the committees:

Legislative Committee — L. O. Reynolds, R. Austen, W. Williams, J. P. Collins, M. L. Graybill, R. Wayne.

A motion was made to postpone the filling of the other committees until the next day, which was withdrawn for the purpose of receiving the following resolution, offered by Past Grand Kempton:

Resolved, That the installation of Grand Officers take place to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that members

of the Scarlet Degree, in good standing, be invited to attend.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past nine o'clock.

9½ o'clock, A. M.,
SAVANNAH, AUG. 7th, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present—R. Wayne, M. W. G. M.; J. J. Jones, R. W. G. W.; J. N. Lewis, R. W. G. S.; J. P. Collins, R. W. G. T.; J. R. Johnson, W. G. M.; J. Oliver, W. G. C., *p. t.;* E. S. Kempton, W. G. G., *p. t.;* and a due representation.

The Grand Master took the chair, and declared the Lodge open for business.

The proceedings of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Elections and Returns further report, that the annual report of Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, ending 30th June, has been since handed in, and we find it incorrect, wanting the signature of the V. G., who was absent.

GEO. W. ADAMS, } *Committee.*
R. AUSTEN,

The Committee on Elections and Returns beg leave to submit the following additional report:

That they have examined the certificates of Past Grand W. B. Fleming, of Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, and find that he has served a regular term as Secretary, V. G. and N. G., and that he is a duly elected Representative to this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. ADAMS, } *Committee.*
R. AUSTEN,

On motion, the reports were received, and the Grand Warden retired and conferred the Side Degree. The Past Grand was then conducted in and the G. L. Degree conferred.

On motion, the Lodge proceeded to fill the other committees left vacant the day before, and the following was the result:

Executive Committee—E. Parsons, G. S. Obear, Geo B. King, O. P. Felt, John Oliver, A. G. Raymur.

Judicial Committee—J. S. Morel, G. W. Adams, W. B. Fleming, Jno. Southwell, J. C. F. Clark, I. P. Garvin

It was moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess of fifteen minutes. Carried.

The fifteen minutes having expired, the Lodge was called to order, when the following report was received from the Executive Committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
of the State of Georgia:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Finance Committee, ask leave to report:

That your Committee find a deficit in the Treasury of this Grand Lodge of $612 98, without any assets to meet the same, and no immediate prospect of funds to discharge the indebtedness and provide for the current expenses of the year. Your committee have given to this subject a careful attention, and recommend as a means of providing for these deficiencies, that the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, be authorized to borrow from the several Lodges of this State, such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary, issuing certificates therefor, signed by himself and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, in the nature of scrip, payable on the second Wednesday in May next, at the lowest rate of interest not above seven

per cent. Your Committee, in making this recommendation, feel it their duty to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that the Subordinate Lodges who may be disposed to loan, will require some further security than that which a bankrupt Treasury can offer, and believing it to be necessary that a specific fund be designated for the repayment of the sums so borrowed, recommend the passage of a resolution pledging the amount raised by the seven per cent. impost upon dues and degrees, as a fund to be set apart for such repayment. Your committee also recommend that such Lodges as shall loan to this Grand Lodge, be permitted to settle their dues to this Grand Lodge by draft upon the Grand Secretary, the amount to be credited by them upon the back of the certificates of loan.

Your Committee submit a hurried statement of the probable receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year as a basis upon which this Grand Lodge can found its calculations:

The report of the Finance Committee shows a deficit of - - -	$612 98	
The expenses of two Grand Representatives will amount to - -	200 00	
Salary of Grand Secretary 100, printing 100, contingent expenses for cards, &c. 50, - - -	250 00	—1,062 98
To meet this deficiency and necessary expenditure, we are to rely upon the resources of this Grand Lodge, unless it shall determine to raise funds by assessment, which your committee do not recommend.		
The report of the Grand Secretary for the half year ending Feb. 3d, 1846, shows an amount raised by taxation and arising from taxation, dues and cards, of - -	401 77	

For the half year ending August 1st,
for dispensation, dues and cards, 478 87— 880 64
Should no larger revenue be obtained
during the present fiscal year, from
the same sources, exclusive of the
direct tax, there will be a deficit of - $182 34
in the amount necessary for the payment of existing debts and necessary and absolute expenses. To this must be added a probable amount of $750 to meet the expenses of the next annual communication, which will leave in the total an amount of $932 34, to meet which we can but look to the seven per cent. referred to above.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. OWENS, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were offered by the Committee, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, be authorised to borrow from the several Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary to meet the expenses of this Grand Lodge, issuing certificates of loan therefor, signed by himself and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, payable on the second Wednesday in May next, at the lowest rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. at which it can be obtained; such certificates not to be transferrable.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will set apart and hereby pledges the amount to be received by the seven per cent. impost upon dues and degrees, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, as a fund for the payment of such loan after the credits are given for the drafts and certificates hereinafter mentioned.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorised to receive the draft of such Lodges as may make loans upon the terms proposed in payment of dues and assessments.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorised to issue to the Representatives to this Grand Lodge, certificates of the amounts now due them, which may be cashed

by their respective Lodges, and such certificates, when receipted, shall be taken in payment of the dues and impost of such Lodges.

Past Grand Austen, of No. 10, offered the following resolution, seconded by Past Grand Anderson, of No. 9:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure and forward in the name of this Grand Lodge, to Past Grand Master Miller, a suit of regalia appropriate to his rank, as a token of the esteem and approbation of this Lodge, for the services which he has rendered in introducing the Order into this State.

After considerable discussion, it was laid over, the hour appointed for the installation of the Grand Officers having arrived.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in the G. L. and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The officers elected were then duly installed in the following order:

John W. Anderson, M. W. Grand Master; John J. Jones, R. W. D. Grand Master; M. Woodruff, R. W. Grand Warden; John N. Lewis, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. P. Collins, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Most Worthy Grand Master appointed Past Grand John Southwell, W. Grand Chaplain; Past Grand John Oliver, W. Grand Marshal; Past Grand A. J. Raymur, W. Grand Conductor; Past Grand J. W. White, W. Grand Guardian; who were duly installed.

The M. W. G. M. also appointed the following Past Grands, as District Deputy Grand Masters:

For Baldwin	and contiguous	counties,	P. G.	J. C. F. Clarke
" Muscogee	"	"	"	D. S. Lemon.
" Richmond	"	"	"	R. Austen.
" Cobb	"	"	"	N. M. Calder.
" Baker	"	"	"	Geo. B. King.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Scarlet and opened in the G. L. Degree.

The resolution of Past Grand Austen was then called up, and on motion, referred to the Executive Committee to report at once.

Past Grand Adams, of No. 9, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to urge before that body the necessity of enlarging the present terms of office in the Subordinate Lodges, and, if possible, to have such other alterations made in the laws of the Order as will extend that term from three to six months.

Past Grand Lloyd, of No. 1, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to move in said Lodge for the appointment of a committee to digest all such laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as are intended to control and regulate State Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges, and have the same printed, and a copy transmitted to the State Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges for their instruction.

Past Grand Austen, of No. 10, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at its last semi-annual and the present session, be printed and distributed to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction.

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Past Grand Austen, having retired, returned and reported verbally in favor of the resolution, which was adopted.

Resolution by Past Grand Adams, of No. 9, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge are hereby tendered to Past Grand Master Wayne and the Past

Grand Representatives, for the manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Resolution offered by Past Grand Austen, of No. 10, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, for the use of their Lodge room during this session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary*.

DR. J. P. COLLINS, GRAND TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. CR.

1845.	Cash Received.	Dolls. Cts.
Aug 8	By R. Wayne,.....	212 85
Aug..... 9	" A. N. Miller,.....	300 00
Nov..... 12	" Jno. N. Lewis,.....	52 18
1846.		
Jan 2	" Jno. N. Lewis,.....	123 37
Feb..... 4	" " "	39 35
" 4	" A. N. Miller,.....	87 06
" 5	" Jno. N. Lewis,.....	30 00
June..... 3	" " "	77 60
Aug 4	" " "	364 67
		1,287 08

1845.	Cash Paid.	Dolls. Cts.
Aug..... 8	To Cash Paid R. Austen, ...	30 00
" 8	" " " Levi Ayers, ...	46 ..
" 8	" " " W. Williams, ...	44 ..
" 8	" " " M. Woodruff, ...	44 ..
" 8	" " " D. S. Lemon, ...	42 ..
" 8	" " " James Adam, ...	24 ..
" 8	" " " B. Conley, ...	24 ..
" 8	" " " J. J. Jones, ...	30 ..
" 8	" " " P. R. Huson, ...	46 ..
" 9	" " " I. Holmes, ...	30 ..
" 9	" " " J. M. Barnes, ...	30 ..
" 9	" " " Wm. Steele, ...	30 ..
" 9	" " " J. C. F. Clarke, ...	30 ..
" 9	" " " W. F. Shearer, ...	3 ..
" 13	" " " A. B. Hartwell, ...	30 ..
" 13	" " " J. S. Morel, ...	12 ..
Nov.. 1	" " " E. J. Jones, ...	12 ..
" 12	" " " R. Wayne, ...	12 ..
" 12	" " " J. N. Lewis, ...	12 ..
" 15	" " " Locke & Davis, ...	2 ..
" 15	" " " E. S. Kempton, ...	11 ..
" 15	" " " do do	6 ..
" 17	" " " W. H. Bulloch	2 25
" 17	" " " John Scott, Jr, ...	12 ..
1846.		
Jan.....28	" " " P G. Thomas	37 45
" 28	" " " J. W. Anderson	6 ..
" 28	" " " J. R. Johnson	6 ..
" 28	" " " E. Parsons, ...	21 ..
" 28	" " " J. P. Collins	6 ..
Feb..... 4	" " " A. N. Miller, ...	6 ..
" 4	" " " Jackson Barnes.....	28 ..
" 4	" " " I. P. Garvin	22 ..
" 4	" " " L. P. Strong.....	28 ..
" 4	" " " T. R. Huson.....	44 ..
" 4	" " " F. H. Sanford.....	26 ..
" 4	" " " Wm. Steele	26 ..
" 12	" " " R. Wayne.....	8 ..
" 16	" " " W. Yorke.....	4 ..
June..... 3	" " " B. Conley	26 ..
" 3	" " " Isaac Holmes.....	32 ..
July..... 1	" " " J. W. Anderson.....	8 ..
" 28	" " " J. S. Morel.....	4 ..
Aug..... 4	" " " J. N. Lewis	8 ..
" 4	" " " J. R. Johnson	8 ..
" 4	" " " J. P. Collins.....	8 ..
" 6	" Balance in Treasury,.....	360 33
		1,287 08

DR. JOHN N. LEWIS, GRAND SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH R. W. GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA. CR.

1845.	Cash Received.	Dls.	Cts.
Sept 3	Tax United Brothers' Lodge, No. 6,	15	00
" 8	" Oglethorpe, " " 1,	45	16
" 8	" Live Oak, " " 3,	28	36
" 8	" DeKalb, " " 9,	13	20
" 11	" Cherokee, " " 8,	6	00
" 15	" Washington, " " 7,	28	37
Oct..... 9	" Sylvan, " " 4,	8	82
" 9	" Franklin, " " 2,	30	00
" 9	Dues Sylvan, No. 4, Sept. 30,	3	68
" 15	" Oglethorpe, " 1, " 30,	17	10
" 18	" Cherokee, " 8, " 30,	5	50
" 18	" Washington. " 7, " 30,	11	90
" 20	" DeKalb, " 9, " 30,	13	00
" 20	" U. Brothers, " 5, " 30,	7	50
" 25	" Live Oak, " 3, " 30,	6	50
1846.			
Jan..... 7	Tax Miller Lodge, No. 10,	7	93
" 9	Dues " " 2 qrs	39	60
" 10	" DeKalb, No. 9, Dec. 31,	9	30
" 10	" Live Oak, " 3, " 31,	5	80
" 10	" Oglethorpe, " 1, " 31,	6	50
" 10	" Sylvan, " 4, " 31,	14	00
" 24	" Cherokee, " 8, " 31,	1	50
" 24	" Muscogee, " 6, 2 qrs	24	80
" 24	" U. Brothers, " 5, Dec. 31,	15	50
Feb.. 3	" Washington, " 7, " 31,	22	62
" 3	For Cards, &c	14	63
" 3	" Albany Dispensation	30	00
Mar..... 16	" Cards, &c	13	00
April 3	Dues Oglethorpe, No. 1, Mch 31,	31	90
" 6	" U. Brothers, " 5, " 31,	30	20
" 7	" Miller, " 10, " 31,	85	90
" 11	" Live Oak, " 3, " 31,	14	25
" 13	" DeKalb, " 9, " 28,	10	20
" 20	" Sylvan, " 4, " 31,	4	80
" 27	" Albany, " 11, Apr. 1,	45	00
May 7	" Washington, " 7, Mch 29,	77	60
" 7	" Muscogee, " 6, Apr 1,	12	40
" 9	" Cherokee, " 8, Mch 31,	2	50
July.....3	For Ocklocnee Dispensation,	30	00
" 9	" Cards, &c	7	50
" 9	Dues Oglethorpe, No. 1, June 30,	10	00
" 9	" Live Oak, " 3, " 30,	12	80
" 9	" DeKalb, " 9, " 27,	2	30
" 9	" Sylvan, " 4, " 30,	16	00
" 9	" U. Brothers, " 5, " 30,	7	37
" 11	" Washington, " 7, " 26,	7	10
" 11	" Miller, " 10, July 1,	14	00
" 18	" Muscogee, " 6, " 1,	7	20
" 18	For C rds, &c	6	25
	Total	880	64

1845.	Cash Paid,	Dls.	Cts.
Sept.....22	T. E. Lloyd, Grand Representative,	100	00
Nov.....12	Grand Treasurer,	52	18
1846.			
Jan.....14	Remitted Secretary Muscogee Lodge No. 6, for amount advanced Grand Rep. Williams, $100—Less G. L. Tax, $17 89	82	11
Jan.....27	Grand Treasurer,	123	38
Feb.....4	" "	39	35
" 5	Postage to date,	4	75
June.....5	Grand Treasurer,	30	00
" 9	" "	77	60
" 9	Freight on Cards by express,	1	00
Aug.....4	Postage to date,	5	60
" 4	Grand Treasurer	364	67
		880	64

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1845, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia is composed of forty-eight members, and has under its jurisdiction eleven working Lodges.

LODGES.	Numbers.....	Where held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiations.....	Rejections.....	Admit'd by card.	Withd'n by card	Reinstatements.	Suspensions.....	Expulsions.....	Deaths.....	Past Grands...	Cur'g. Members	Names of P. G. M's.	Revenue.....	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe.....	1	Savannah.....	Chatham...	Tuesday.....	40	3	3	13	1	*5	†1		15	273	Alvin N. Miller,	$2,362 04	*Non-payment of
Franklin.....	2	Macon.....	Bibb.....	Thursday.....	26	6	2	15		*18		1	14	164	of Oglethorpe	1,290 43	dues.
Live Oak.....	3	Savannah.....	Chatham...	Friday.....	32	3	1	14		*10		3	14	163	Lodge, No. 1, I.	1,327 96	†Expelled for con-
Sylvan.....	4	Milledgeville...	Baldwin.....	Tuesday.....	27		2	8		*4			9	61	O. O. F., Savan-	647 76	duct unbecoming
United Brothers..	5	Macon.....	Bibb.....	Wednesday.....	47	6	3	12			†1	1	7	109	nah, Georgia.—	1,033 16	Odd Fellows.
Muscogee.....	6	Columbus.....	Muscogee...	Monday.....	31	10	2	14				1	12	113	He served as G.	1,368 44	
Washington.....	7	Augusta.....	Richmond..	Monday.....	106	7	3	25		*10	†1	2	7	224	M. from the in-	1,944 75	
Cherokee.....	8	Marietta.....	Cobb.....	Tuesday.....	9		1	1					9	46	stitution of the	119 59	
De Kalb.....	9	Savannah.....	Chatham....	Saturday.....	34	1	4	7					5	105	Lodge up to Au-	1,046 60	
Miller.....	10	Augusta.....	Richmond...	Wednesday.....	98	12	2	2					5	143	gust, 1845.	1,736 38	
Albany,.....	11	Albany.....	Baker.....	Monday.....	42	5	7	5					2	46		851 62	
					492	53	30	116	1	47	3	8	99	1447		$13,728 73	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this fifth day of August, A. D., 1846.

R. WAYNE, *Grand Master.*

L. S.

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE R. W. G. LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, I. O. O. F., SHOWING THE RELIEF IN THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1845, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1846.

LODGES.	Numbers	No. of brothers relieved	Number of widowed families relieved	Num. of brothers buried	Amount paid for relief of brothers	Amount paid for relief of widowed families	Amount paid for education of orphans	Amount paid for burying the dead	Total Amount	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe	1	29	2		$656 50	170 00	50 00	*25 00	902 50	*Wife of a brother.
Franklin	2	14			215 00		25 00		240 00	
Live Oak	3	20	1	3	303 90	55 00	24 00	120 00	502 90	
Sylvan	4	1			5 00				5 00	
United Brothers	5	10		1	100 00			42 44	142 44	
Muscogee	6	10		1	235 83			†75 00	310 83	† In this amount is included $50 paid for the burial of a brothers' wife.
Washington	7	15		2	367 50			62 00	429 50	
Cherokee	8									
De Kalb	9	9			75 00				75 00	
Miller	10	5			65 71				65 71	
Albany	11	1			2 85				2 85	
		123	3	7	2027 29	226 00	99 00	324 44	2676 73	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this fifth day of August, A. D., 1846.

R. WAYNE, *Grand Master.*

L. S.

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary.*

9 o'clock, A. M.
SAVANNAH, MAY 12, 1847.

A Regular Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia was held at De Kalb Lodge Room.

PRESENT —

JOHN W. ANDERSON,	*M. W. Grand Master.*
E. H. ROGERS,	*R. W. D. G. M. p. t.*
M. WOODRUFF,	*R. W. G. Warden.*
JOHN N. LEWIS,	*R. W. G. Secretary.*
J. P. COLLINS,	*R. W. G. Treasurer.*
R. H. GRIFFIN,	*R. W. G. Representative.*
JNO. SOUTHWELL,	*W. G. Chaplain.*
JNO. OLIVER,	*W. G. Marshal.*
GEO. PATTEN,	*W. G. Cond'r., p. t.*
J. R. JOHNSON,	*W. G. Guardian, p. t.*

The members present were examined by the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last annual communication being in print, on motion, the reading of the same was dispensed with, and they were then approved.

The certificates of P. G's. and Representatives were received and referred to the Legislative Committee. After a brief interval the following report was received:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia.

The Legislative Committee, after due examination, report the following certificates correct:

Past Grands.
Jno. D. Fish and Geo. White, of No. 1.
Albert Mix, of No. 2.
Henry S. Bell and Heman A. Crane, of No. 3.
George D. Case, of No. 4.
Geo. Patten, of No. 5.
A. H. Cooper and L. F. W. Andrews, of No. 6.
C. C. Millar and C. W. W. Bruen, of No. 9.

Of whom, P. G's. White, Fish, Bell, Crane, Cooper, Andrews and Bruen, are entitled to the Past Secretary's Degree.

Representatives.

J. B. Tufts, Jno. Southwell, Jno. Oliver, E. S. Kempton and John N. Lewis, of No. 1.

Albert Mix, of No. 2.

Henry S. Bell, Geo. G. Faries, and H. A. Crane, of No. 3.

Geo. D. Case, of No. 4.

Geo. Patten, of No. 5.

A. H. Cooper, of No. 6.

Charles Catlin, of No. 7.

R. H. Griffin and O. P. Felt, of No. 9.

Elisha H. Rogers, of No. 10.

Peter O. Wing, of No. 12.

The following certificates are informal:

The certificates of Jas. M. Anderson, as Past Grand, and Representative of No. 8, want the attestation of the Permanent Secretary or Syndic; otherwise they are correct. The certificate of Joseph L. Dunham as Representative of No. 11, does not follow the form prescribed by this Grand Lodge, and also wants the attestation of the P. S. or Syndic.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,

Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Past Grand Lloyd, of No. 1, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Side degrees and Grand Lodge degree be conferred on all Past Grands at present in waiting, whose certificates may be informal: provided, evidence of their being Past Grands from the Grand Sec-

retary's record be shown, and that those who are the representatives of Lodges be allowed to take their seats as such representatives. Carried.

The M. W. G. Master then made the following report, which was referred to the Executive Committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

Brothers:

An interval of nine months has elapsed since your last communication. During that period comprising, under the operation of your new Constitution, the entire term of the sitting Grand Officers, the affairs of the Order in this State, have begun to assume a more favorable appearance, and indications are abundant that we are about to enter upon a new career of more extended usefulness.

For a long time Georgia Odd-Fellowship was almost stationary, so far as the increase of the number of Lodges was concerned. With an ample field before us, certain to yield a generous harvest to proper exertion, we contented ourselves with the fruits that had been earned by former labor. It is to be hoped that this lethargy is ended, and that we will hereafter attend more diligently to the work which has been given us in charge.

During the present term five new Lodges have been instituted, under dispensations granted by me. Their applications for charters will be laid before you during the present session. They are all likely to do well.

In the month of November last, accompanied by R. W. G. Representative Griffin, I visited and instructed all the Lodges, out of Savannah, which were then at work, with the exception of Albany, No. 11, and Ocklockonee, No. 12. Circumstances which I could not control prevented me from reaching the two Lodges last named, but I communicated at large with them by letter. The lodges in this city have of course been visited by me. I am happy to be

able to inform you that the condition of all the Lodges in the State is good, and that they have conducted their business in a becoming and creditable manner. The practical illustrations which they have constantly furnished of the pure principles which we profess, cannot be without their effect upon the communities in which and near which they are located.

From what has been accomplished during the term now near its end, we may expect still greater success during the year about to commence. Earnestness and zeal, on the part of the members of this body, will insure for the administration of my successor the distinction of carrying the Order into many sections where it has not yet penetrated, but in which it may be made to take root and flourish.

The R. W. G. L. U. S. at the communication of September, 1846, adopted a report and resolution brought in by a committee, which had been raised to consider the expediency of a general system of education for the children of the Order. This action of the National Grand Lodge has devolved upon the State Grand Lodges, the duty of considering the question and of transmitting to Baltimore the result of their deliberations. I commend the subject to the reflections of the members of this body, and invite your attention to the proceedings of the R. W. G. L. U. S. in the premises, which will be read to you from the table of the Grand Secretary.

For the alterations in the Laws of the Order made by the R. W. G. L. U. S. at its last session, I refer you to the report of the R. W. G. Representatives, which will be presented to you in its order.

I would bring specially to your notice the condition of your Finances. The reforms of the new Constitution have done much to mitigate your embarassments, but you are still oppressed by debt. It may be necessary for you to adopt some vigorous measures for extricating yourselves at an early day from your difficulties. The reports

of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and of the Executive Committee, will put you in possession of the necessary information on this subject.

We cannot fail on this occasion to recall the memory of a distinguished brother, whose presence among us, was always greeted with pleasure, and whose death will long be deplored by all his fellow-citizens. My allusion to P. D. G. M. Holmes, cannot be mistaken. Those of us who have often sat with him in this body, will ever cherish the recollection of the manly bearing for which he was remarkable, and the honorable principles by which he ruled his conduct. The confidence of his brethren was implicitly yielded to him, his opinions were always of weight in their councils, and they cheerfully conferred upon him station and distinction. It was his peculiar misfortune to perish by disease, on the threshold of the patriotic enterprise to which at the call of his country he had devoted himself.

I am not aware of any matters of business that will be likely to consume mnch of your time. What there is to be done I believe you can soon dispose of, and I trust, that you will devote all your energies to the discharge of your duties.

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
Grand Master of Georgia.

Savannah, May 12th, 1847.

The following report was received from the R. W. G. Representatives, and referred to the Executive Committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F., of the State of Georgia:

The Grand Representatives submit the following report.

They were specially charged by this Grand Lodge with the following duties.

1. To procure a substitute charter in lieu of that which was destroyed by fire.

2. To urge in the G. L. U. S. the necessity of enlarging the term of office in the subordinate Lodges, and if possible to have such alterations made in the laws of the Order, as would extend that term from three to six months.

3. To move in the G. L. U. S. the appointment of a committee to digest the laws and resolutions of said Grand Lodge.

The Grand Charter was obtained and delivered by us to the M. W. G. M. It is now in its appropriate place in this Hall.

The proposition for extending the term of subordinate Lodges was introduced on the first day of the communication, and according to the usual course, was referred to the committee on the State of the Order. That committee brought in on the next day a report in favor of the change, and the resolution to that effect, which accompanied their report, was adopted by a vote of 42 to 16. By another resolution subsequently adopted, the terms were ordered to commence with the first meeting in July, and the first meeting in January, of each year.

The proposition for a digest was also introduced on the same day and went before the same committee. The committee reported in favor of the proposition and a resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a special committee of three to execute the work. The number was afterwards enlarged to five. This committee will meet in Baltimore on the 30th day of August next, and the report will be submitted, at the next communication, in September.

Among the other proceedings of the last G. L. U. S. the following require particular notice.

It was ordered that the amount of relief granted by any Lodge to a visiting brother should be indorsed on his card, and that notice thereof should be immediately forwarded to the Lodge of which he should be a member.

The mode of soliciting pecuniary assistance in consequence of losses by fire or other calamity was regulated.

The distressed Lodge is required first to apply to her own State Grand Lodge, and in case of inability on the part of the Grand Lodge to afford the requisite assistance, such Grand Lodge is authorised to invoke the aid of the other State Grand Lodges, through their respective Grand Masters, who are empowered to issue a circular to their several subordinates, calling on them to contribute. The form of the circular is prescribed and may be found on page 302, vol. 2 of the Journal of the G. L. U. S.

The rule touching the admission of visiting brethren, (to be found in the note to page 64 of the pamphlet of laws published by this G. L.) was so altered as to do away with the necessity of the visiter's working his way in. He is to be introduced by the examining committee.

It was determined that after the granting of a withdrawal card the connection with the Lodge of the member applying therefor is at an end, and the liability of the Lodge for benefits ceases, whether the card be taken by the applicant or not. The brother is of course entitled to the T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the term specified in the card.

It was decided that if upon appeal to a State Grand Lodge by a member of one of its subordinates, the decision of the subordinate Lodge be reversed, the member may be re-instated without the consent of the subordinate Lodge.

It was expressly declared that the G. L. U. S. reserved to herself the exclusive right of printing the lectures, charges and odes of the Order, and the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs throughout the country were enjoined to prevent and put a stop to any interference with this right.

The 24th By-Law was so altered as to leave the use of prayer, at the opening and closing of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, discretionary.

A committee was appointed to consider the expediency of establishing, under the auspices and control of the

Order, an extensive seminary of learning for the benefit of the children of the fraternity. A report was received from the committee and ordered to be communicated to the several State Grand Lodges. A copy has reached the office of our Grand Secretary and the undersigned take leave to refer thereto for a further account of the action of the G. L. U. S. on the subject.

The most interesting occurrence of the session was the granting an independent charter to the Order in the British Provinces. The grant is coupled with the conditions that the qualifications of membership under the new jurisdiction shall be the same as in this country, and that the G. L. U. S. shall in all points regulate the work of the Order, and prescribe the T. P. W. The charter has been delivered and the Grand Lodge of British North America is now in full operation.

The subject of funeral ceremonies was referred to a special committee. A report was brought in which included a plan of funeral regalia and an order of processions. The report was adopted and it was of course understood to have become a law, but the undersigned have received, from the most reliable source, information that the M. W. G. Sire has ruled that the proceeding was illegal, because it involved an alteration of a By-Law and was acted on without going through the requisite form of lying on the table for a day. For the opinions of the M. W. G. Sire the undersigned entertain, and take great pleasure in expressing the highest respect and they believe that his objection is well taken, but they are confident that at the next session the error will be corrected. In no case was the action of the G. L. U. S. more prompt and unanimous and the omission occurred in consequence of the report having been made during the last hours of the session.

In this connection it may also be stated that the committee on the Digest, already mentioned, was directed to prepare a form of burial service, to be used throughout the jurisdiction.

A book of diagrams, illustrative of the unwritten work of the Order, was brought in by a committee appointed at a previous session, and adopted. At the ensuing session a book containing the explanations of the diagrams and the pass-words, &c., in cypher, will be reported. These will be deposited among the archives of the Order and henceforward it is to be hoped that the unwritten work, (so called, i. e., the signs, pass-words, grips, tokens, &c., &c.,) will be considered immutable.

The constitution of this Grand Lodge was confirmed without alteration.

It is proposed to alter the Constitution of the G. L. U. S. in the following particulars:

1. To strike out the word Master, in Art. 14, the effect of which would be to make any P. G. exalted to the R. P. Degree, eligible to the office of G. Sire.

2. To strike out the words "Grand Encampment" wherever they occur, the effect of which would be the abolition of Grand Encampments.

3. To alter Article 10 so as to make the term of office of Grand Representatives two years instead of one, with a provision that after the first election, in pursuance of the amendment, the representatives of all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to two shall be divided by lot into two classes, one class to remain in office two years and the other one only. It is intended by this proposition so to arrange the law that only about one-half of the G. L. U. S. will be annually renewed.

4. To reduce the Representative tax from $20 to $10.

5. To alter Art. 14 so as to make P. G. Patriarchs in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree, eligible to the office of G. Sire.

6. To strike out Art. 8, the effect of which would be to deprive P. G. Sires of seats in the G. L. U. S., and to make that body entirely representative, with the exception of the sitting Grand Officers, who, under the law as it now stands, are not permitted to vote or speak.

7. To add a clause empowering the M. W. G. Sire to accredit a special Grand Representative, in the nature of an ambassador, to any other independent Grand Lodge, recognized by the authorities at Baltimore.

8. To strike out the form of certificate of Grand Representatives, contained in Art. 10, and so to alter said Article as to make no particular form necessary.

These propositions will come up for action at the next communication. Here the undersigned beg to be permitted to close their review of the legislative proceedings of the G. L. U. S. at its last session.

The reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary furnished the most gratifying evidence of the prosperity of the Order in this country, while they certified also to the painful fact of the final failure of the effort to transplant American Odd-Fellowship to the fields overshadowed by the Manchester Unity. The English and Welsh Lodges chartered by the G. L. U. S. are dead. To our Canadian brethren we must look for a renewal of the experiment.

The undersigned desire to impart to the members of this body as accurate an idea as possible of the rapid growth and present condition of the Order in this country, and to do so, they will trust to the eloquence of figures.

Between the years 1840 and 1844, the average yearly increase of the Order was 75 subordinate Lodges, and 7000 contributing members.

In 1844, 457 subordinates and 40,238 members were reported, showing an increase over the year next preceding, of 105 Lodges and 10,195 members.

In 1845, 685 subordinates and 61,852 members were reported, shewing an increase of 228 Lodges and 21,614 members.

In 1846, 992 subordinates and 90,753 members were reported, shewing an increase of 307 Lodges and 28,901 members.

The income of the Order, as reported for the year ending June 30, 1846, was $708,205 40, while its outlay in benefits amounted to $197,317.

Comment could not add effect to these statistics.

At the conclusion of this report, the Grand Representative, who is absent, avails himself of the opportunity now offered, to apologize to the Grand Lodge for his absence. An imperative engagement growing out of his professional duties has called him away to one of the Northern cities, and he cannot return to Georgia before this communication will have closed. He regrets that any necessity should have compelled him to deny himself the pleasure of uniting with his constituents and colleagues in the labors and duties of the present session.

All of the foregoing is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, } *Grand Reps.*
I. P. GARVIN, }

May 12th, 1847.

The Grand Secretary made his report — referred to Executive Committee.

The Grand Treasurer made his report — referred to Executive Committee.

The following communication from Grand Lodge U. S. was read, and referred to the Executive Committee:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE COR. AND RECORDING SECRETARY, R, W. G. L. U. S.
BALTIMORE, DECEMBER 8, 1846.

To JNO. N. LEWIS, *G. Sec'y.*
R. W. G. Lodge of Georgia:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

In obedience to the resolution accompanying the subjoined abstract from the Journal of Proceedings of the R. W. G. L. of U. S. of September session, 1846, I have the honor to transmit the same to the Grand Lodge of Georgia. In performing this duty, the Corresponding Secretary ventures to express the hope, that the subject may receive that calm and dispassionate consideration, to which its

magnitude and importance so eminently entitles it. It will at once be perceived that the especial design of this procedure is, in so far as may be practicable, to unite the counsels of the Order, by submitting this momentous question to that department of its government, which immediately reflects the will of its entire constituency.

Dismissing therefore all schemes, which may have been heretofore presented, the Grand Lodge of the United States now submits the subject to the State Authorities, *as a new question*, respectfully inviting from each a consideration, not only of its expediency, but also from each, the suggestion of suitable plans for its accomplishment.

To the Brotherhood in those States where the blessing of free education is diffused in streams of vivid light, by the well directed intelligence and munificence of the Legislature, let me say that this great privilege, which their offspring enjoy, is not shared by the children of thousands of their brethren in other sections of our widely spread country. Is it asking too much of them, in the spirit of that beloved Order, whose principles of fellowship claim to encompass the whole family of man, to co-operate in an enterprise, destined, if consummated, greatly to enhance the practical usefulness of Odd-Fellowship in our own day and generation, and tending in some degree to perpetuate its blessings to posterity, by the proper enlightenment of those whose inheritance it will soon become.

Truly and Fraternally, Yours,

in F. L. and T.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, with accompanying resolutions, which were adopted:

To the R W Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the inquiry into the propriety of the establishment by the

Order, of an Institution of Learning, ask leave to report:

The committee have carefully considered the subject given to them in charge, and have arrived at the conclusion that it is both proper and expedient for this Grand Lodge to take some incipient measures for the accomplishment of the design shadowed forth in the resolution under which the committee were appointed. They are persuaded that it is the peculiar province of this body, vested as it is with powers so extensive over the Order, to bring the subject fairly before the brotherhood at large, and to take the first step towards the attainment of the object. The committee believe that the Order in its progress has reached a point where its energies and means exceed the work which it has in hand. Organized originally for the alleviation of the severer forms of distress, our charities have gradually so extended as to overshadow all forms of misery in our midst. The vast and complicated machinery by which, from one end to the other of this country, and even beyond its limits, the officers of our Institution minister daily from our treasuries to the wants of our unfortunate brothers, is working not only to our own satisfaction, but to the admiration of those who are strangers to our mysteries. We cannot hope to add many improvements to its present arrangement, and where a system has been found to succeed so well, it would be imprudent to attempt to make material changes. But we may turn our attention to other and kindred objects, and having occupied one portion of the great field of beneficence, we may commence to make efforts for the acquisition of the rest.

Charity, in the sense in which we use the term, includes more duties than the simple relief of pecuniary distress. To be charitable according to our acceptation of the word, is to do all the good we possibly can for our fellow men, but more particularly for the members of our Order. We have already done much good, and this we may be permitted to say without the accusation of vain boasting.

But there is yet much more for us to do. We already watch by the sick bed, bring comfort to the habitations of want, commit the dead decently to the earth, cherish desolate families, and educate the orphans of those who have been among us. But we do not yet afford to our living members, whose means are limited, the opportunity of enlightening the minds of their children and fitting them for a career of usefulness. It is true that there are sections of our country, highly favored by Providence, where even the poorest man is enabled to secure for his offspring the priceless blessing of education, yet even in such regions it is not possible for all such beneficiaries to lay hold on places where they may gain the highest kind of knowledge. With us, where no distinctions of rank are permitted, and where the most humble, in time may become the most elevated, it is especially important that the mind of each child should be submitted to the process by which its powers can be developed. Many fathers are daily enduring the miserable doom of beholding the intellects of their sons, in whom they live again, crushed beneath the weight of adverse circumstances. There are many such fathers among ourselves, for we have gathered our host from all classes and conditions of men. Can we permit ourselves to doubt that it is our duty to extend to this peculiar and aggravated form of distress its appropriate relief?

The committee have heard many objections against the interference of this body in the business, but all the objections resolve themselves into questions of expediency. The constitutional power of this Grand Lodge to co-operate in, and superintend a work like this cannot be disputed. There can be no conscientious scruples on the mind of any member in regard to this power. We are not only at liberty to engage in any such undertaking, but an enterprise like this, involving consequences which cannot be estimated, is co-ordinate with the dignity of our body. Here, from the same centre whence are distributed the

laws of the fraternity, let the rays of intellectual light emanate, and while in distant sections the brother without name or fortune, will, in all time to come, look up to you as his supreme rulers, let him also gratefully regard you as the chief of his benefactors. The design has been considered by some, impracticable on account of its vastness; but the committee, after deliberate reflection, are convinced to the contrary. Such is the organization, such the numerical strength, and such are the pecuniary means of our fraternity, that no enterprise, within our prescribed bounds, can be too vast for us. All great achievements have followed upon predictions of failure. All great improvements have been preceded by cries of impracticability. And the committee believe that whenever this body, and the authorities which are constituted under it, shall enter upon the work, aud set their shoulders to the wheel in earnest, all obstacles, doubts, fears, and misgivings will vanish, and another example will be afforded to the world of the wouderful capacity of our institution for good.

The committee have not undertaken to consider the merits of any particular scheme. Indeed, they were persuaded that the plan which has been proposed by an eminent member of the Order, was principally intended to attract the attention of the Order to the subject, and perhaps was not designed as the expression of his fully matured opinions, and, while they do not hesitate to recommend the respectful consideration of that plan, they are desirous that for the present, at least, the whole subject should be left open. Their approval, they are aware, can add but little to the exalted fame accorded by the fraternity at large to the brother just alluded to, but the committee would have done violence to their feelings if they had left the subject without paying a passing tribute to one whose services to the Order cannot be appreciated beyond their value.

The committee conclude by recommending to the Grand Lodge that a resolution be passed, inviting the attention of State Grand Lodges to the subject and requesting an expression of their views before the next Annual Communication, at which time the committee believe the whole subject can be considered to advantage and disposed of to the satisfaction of all interested. Resolutions to that effect are appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. K. MARSHALL,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
WM. W. MOORE, } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the several State Grand Lodges are hereby earnestly requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order, of a General System of Education, and to devise and forward to this Grand Lodge plans for the accomplishment of the object, should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the above report and resolution to the several State Grand Lodges.

The above was referred to the Executive Committee.

The following was also read:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
CINCINNATI, JANUARY 20, 1847.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ.,

R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Sec.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

You will please to cause to be printed and forwarded to each State Grand Lodge and Encampment, a circular embodying the *Report* of the Committee and *Resolutions* (State of the Order,) page 352, Journal, September Session, 1846.

THOMAS SHERLOCK, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
BALTIMORE, JANUARY 25, 1847.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Georgia:

Pursuant to the above direction, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the Report and Resolutions therein referred to.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the state of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report which relates to the printing of the Work of the Order by Subordinate Encampments, Lodges, and individuals, have considered the subject, and report:

That by the existing laws the right to print or publish any portion of the Work of the Order, or any form of diplomas, belongs exclusively to this Grand Lodge. The Committee report the following resolutions:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
Committee.

Resolved, That the right to print or publish the lectures, charges, or odes, adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the use of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction, or any portion thereof, or any form of diploma now used by the Grand Lodge of the United States, is exclusively the property of this Grand Lodge, and any violation of this right by Grand or Subordinate Lodges, or individuals, is in opposition to the laws, rights and privileges of this Grand Body.

Resolved, That the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the several State Grand Bodies be directed to

cause the law of the Grand Lodge in this respect to be enforced in their respective jurisdictions.

The Legislative Committee asked for further time — granted.

The Judicial Committee asked for further time — granted.

The Committee on Burial Service asked to be discharged — granted.

Past Grand Andrews, of No. 6, presented an appeal from a decision of Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, which was referred to the Judicial Committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock.

4 o'clock, P. M.,
SAVANNAH, MAY 12th, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called.

The following report was received:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

The Special Committee on Printing, appointed under a resolution to be found on page 148 of the Journal, report that they have discharged their duty, and that the pamphlet, as ordered, was issued from the office of the Grand Secretary on the 1st day of September last.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
THOS. E. LLOYD,
JOHN W. OWENS, } *Committee.*

The Legislative Committee made the following report which was received and adopted:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

The Legislative Committee report that they have examined the applications for subordinate Lodges, to be located severally at Waynesboro', Burke Co., Knoxville, Crawford Co., Athens, Clark Co., Lanier, Macon Co., and Thomaston, Upson Co.

Dispensations have already been granted and the Lodges have all been instituted.

The committee recommend that charters be granted, and that said Lodges be hailed respectively by the styles which they have selected, viz: Ridgely, No. 13; Union, No. 14; Williams, No. 15; Lanier, No. 16; and Buena Vista, No. 17.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

The Legislative Committee made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

The Legislative Committee recommend the following alterations in the Constitution of Subordinates, in consequence of the extension of the term of office by the R. W. G. L. U. S., at its last communication.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the words *two terms*, in the 6th line of section 4 of article II of the constitution of subordinates, be stricken out and the words *one term* inserted in their place.

Ordered further, That section 2 of article VIII of said Constitution be altered so as to read as follows:

The year of the Lodge shall be divided into two terms, beginning respectively with the first week in July and January. The first meeting in each term shall be called the semi-annual meeting, and at that meeting the reports

of the officers and the return of the Lodge shall be brought in.

Ordered further, That the word *quarterly* in the 2nd line of section 3 of article IX of said Constitution be stricken out and the word *semi-annual* inserted in its place.

Ordered further, That the subordinate Lodges be hereafter required to make semi-annual and annual returns in the mode pointed out in article IX of their Constitution, instead of quarterly and annual returns, as heretofore required, and that the form heretofore used for quarterly returns be altered by striking out the words *quarterly* and *quarter*, wherever they occur, and inserting in their stead *semi-annual* and *term*, and with these alterations be hereafter used for semi-annual returns.

Ordered further, That any clause, section, or article of said Constitution conflicting with the preceding orders be repealed.

The Legislative Committee made a further report which was received and adopted:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

The Legislative Committee, a part of whose duty it is to revise the by-laws of Subordinates, submit the following report:

The by-laws of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1; Franklin, No. 2; Live Oak, No. 3; United Brothers, No. 5; Washington, No. 7; DeKalb, No. 9, and Williams, No. 13, are correct, and the committee advise that they be confirmed.

Section 8 of article IV, of the by-laws of *Sylvan, No.* 4, allows honorary membership in violation, as well of section 3 of article VI of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, as of a law of the G. L. of the U. S.

In the by-laws of *Muscogee, No.* 6, the following errors exist:

Section 1 of article II, regulating the time of electing representatives to this body is not sufficiently explicit. It

provides that the election shall take place "at a regular meeting, at least two weeks before the annual meeting of the G. L. of Georgia." Section 1 of article II of the constitution of subordinates requires the *particular* meeting to be designated by the by-laws.

In section 2 of article V, the following clause conflicts with section 5 of article III of the constitution of subordinates: "If the brother or brothers fail to state his or their objections, as before required, the nominee shall, at the next regular meeting be considered and declared duly elected."

Section 4 of article IV of the by-laws of *Miller*, No. 10, contains the following clause:

"No member except a P. G. shall be permitted to go out of the Lodge without the P. W. of the V. G."

The discrimination in favor of P. G's is opposed to the charge pertaining to the I. G's office.

Section 3 of article II of the by-laws of *Albany No.* 11, requires that "all nominations to the elective officers shall be reported to the Lodge by a committee of three members, to be selected by the N. G. and V. G.;" a provision which the committee deem to be opposed to the spirit of the constitution, and calculated to vest the control of elections entirely in a few members.

Section 10 of article V, of the same by-laws allows clergymen to be initiated and receive degrees free of charge. This provision is opposed to section 10 of article IV of the constitution of subordinates, which leaves no room for discrimination in favor of any peculiar class of applicants.

Section 3 of article X of the same by-laws, regulating the terms of office, is a copy of section 2 of article VIII of the constitution of subordinates, and needs the same alteration as the section last mentioned has received during the present communication.

In article XII of the same by-laws, the word *quarterly* occurs, for which, under the new law, *semi-annual* should be substituted.

In the by-laws of *Oclockonnee*, No. 12, the following errors have been found:

Section 5 of article II provides that "any vote of the Lodge, either for receiving or rejecting, may be re-considered at the same or next regular meeting, or at any time before the candidate be initiated." This provision is in some particulars violative of article III of the constitution which fully provides for the case.

The last clause of section 9 of article II is, "no fee shall be charged for regularly officiating ministers of the gospel." A provision which, as has already been stated in this report, is unconstitutional.

Section 9 of article IV declares that "no member shall be allowed to enter the Lodge unless in full regalia of the degree in which the Lodge may be opened at the time." This section should read "in full regalia of the degree to which he has been advanced."

Section 1 of article VIII declares that the report of a committee on charges preferred against a member, "shall lie over until next regular meeting, and no longer;" while section 4 of article V, of the constitution of subordinates provides that such report "shall lie on the table until the next regular meeting thereafter, *or longer*."

In section 2 of article 9, the words July and January are transposed. The year begins in July, under the law of the G. L. U. S.

The same section uses the word *quarterly* instead of *semi-annual*.

The committee recommend that an order be passed for the correction of all the foregoing errors, and that the by-laws of Sylvan Lodge No. 4, Muscogee, No. 6, Miller, No. 10, Albany, No. 11, and Oclockonnee, No. 12, with the exception of the clauses in which said errors have been discovered, be confirmed. Cherokee Lodge, No. 6, has neglected to forward her by-laws, nor have any been yet received from Nos. 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the by-laws of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1; Franklin, No. 2; Live Oak, No. 3; United Brothers, No. 5; Washington, No. 7, and DeKalb, No. 9, be confirmed.

Ordered, That Sylvan Lodge, No. 4; Muscogee, No. 6; Miller, No. 10; Albany, No. 11, and Oclockonnee, No. 12, correct the errors above pointed out, and that upon the Grand Master's being duly notified that such corrections have been made, he be authorized to declare the by-laws of said Lodges confirmed.

Ordered, That all Lodges which have not yet transmitted copies of their by-laws, forward the same immediately, after receiving this order.

Ordered further, That the representatives of the Lodges concerned, communicate to their Lodges respectively, so much of the above proceedings as each may be interested in.

The following report from the same committee was also received and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia:

The Legislative Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions and order:

1. The R. W. G. L. U. S. having at its last communication adopted a form of funeral regalia and an order of processions, and it being understood that owing to some technical objection the said action of the G. L. U. S. is inoperative.

Resolved, That the G. L. of the State of Georgia, hereby adopts the said form of regalia and order of procession, and directs its Subordinates to observe the same.

2. *Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that a short term under the new law must consist of at least fourteen weeks.

3. *Ordered,* That duplicate certificates of the election of representatives by the different subordinate Lodges be forwarded by the respective secretaries immediately after the election, to the Grand Secretary, to be by him put on file. ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

The Executive Committee asked for further time, which was granted.

The following correspondence between the Grand Secretary and P. G. M. Miller, was read and ordered to be placed on the minutes:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECR'Y. OF THE G. L. OF GEORGIA,
SAVANNAH, OCTOBER 20TH, 1846.

A. N. MILLER, ESQ.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

At the last regular communication, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure and forward in the name of this Grand Lodge, to P. G. M. Miller, a suit of regalia appropriate to his rank, as a token of the esteem and approbation of this Grand Lodge, for the services which he has rendered in introducing the order into this State.

In compliance with the above resolution and in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, I beg leave to present to you the accompanying suit of Regalia.

Yours truly, in
Friendship, Love and Truth,
JOHN N. LEWIS,
Grand Secretary.

SAVANNAH, OCTOBER 25TH, 1846.

JOHN N. LEWIS, ESQ.

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Georgia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Your polite note of the 20th inst., with the accompanying suit of Regalia, was duly received.

In reply, I would beg you to present to the members of the Grand Lodge, my best acknowledgements for the

token of esteem they have thought proper to confer upon me, and assure them that upon all proper occasions it shall be worn by me with pleasure, and as a memento of the establishment of the order in this State.

I am, dear sir, yours truly, in
Friendship, Love and Truth,
ALVIN N. MILLER,
Past Grand Master G. L of Georgia.

The Judicial Committee asked for further time, which was granted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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9 o'clock, A. M.
SAVANNAH, May 13th, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The presiding officer having taken his seat, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

P. G. Case, of No. 4 being in waiting, was admitted and the G. L. degree conferred on him.

The first business in order being the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was moved and carried that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of its officers, and the following was the result:

Robert H. Griffin, of No. 9, M. W. G. Master.
E. H. Rogers, of No. 10, R. W. D. Grand Master.
Geo. Patten, of No. 5, R. W. " Warden.
John N. Lewis, of No. 1, R. W. " Secretary.
J. P. Collins, of No. 3, R. W. " Treasurer.

The elections were then suspended for the purpose of admitting P. G. Chas. Catlin, of No. 7, who was admitted and the G. L. degree conferred on him.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Representatives, and the following was the result:

M. Woodruff, of No. 6, and

John W. Anderson, of No. 9.

It was moved and carried that the installation of the officers of this Grand Lodge, take place at Oglethorpe Lodge Room, this evening, at 8 o'clock.

The following report was received from the Judicial Committee:

The Judicial Committee to whom was referred the communication from Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and De Kalb Lodge, No. 9, expressing their views with regard to a Circular, severally received by those Lodges, from Friendship Lodge, No. 23, of the State of Pennsylvania, and which Circular necessarily came under their review in explanation of the two communications, beg leave to report:

That they have carefully considered the subject submitted, and that it resolves itself into these four propositions, viz:

First. Whether it is expedient to call a convention of the subordinate Lodges, and attempt through the action of such convention to change the laws of the Order?

Second. Whether subordinate Lodges have a right to instruct their P. G's., as to the course of conduct to be by them pursued in the Grand Lodges?

Third. Whether subordinate Lodges have a right to instruct their Representatives, as to their votes upon any election in the Grand Lodge of the State, for G. Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fourth. Whether it would be expedient to reduce the present official term of six months, in the subordinate Lodges, to the original term of three months?

Your committee have seriously weighed these propositions, rather from the importance they have assumed by the action of the Subordinates, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, than from any doubt upon their own mind as to the principles upon which they ought to be decided.

Your committee have no hesitation in negativing each of the propositions, and submit their reasons for such conclusion.

The Constitution of our Order, resembling in a great measure the Constitution of our country, is a model of vigorous, yet just and equitable organization. The subordinate Lodges are the primary assemblies of the Order, the State Grand Lodges answer to the State Governments, and the Grand Lodge of the United States controls the extended union of our brotherhood. These are the constituents of our governmental system, a convention of Lodges is not known, it is powerless, more so than the humblest member of a Lodge, to convey in a legitimate channel its approval or disapproval of laws, its desire or proposal for a change of those laws. Its intention, its object and effect, can be but to awe the Grand Lodge of the United States, by imposing proceedings, and indirectly force compliance with its wishes, or to denounce that high tribunal of Odd-Fellowship, and bring contempt on our Legislative head. With either intention, we think such convention highly inexpedient, and in the language of one of the subordinate reports, disorganizing and revolutionary in its character.

The right of a subordinate Lodge to instruct its P. G's. as to their course in the Grand Lodge is shown to be unfounded, by a reference to the clause of the constitution, declaring the component parts of this body. It shall be composed, says that instrument, "of Grand Officers formally installed, Past Grands properly certified, and Representatives duly accredited." The P. G. sits in the Grand Lodge by virtue of his position in the Order, not

by the vote of any particular Lodge. His position there, is one entirely independent; responsible only to his conscience, his obligations, and the faith he owes the Order. It is true that membership in some subordinate Lodge is necessary, to the retention of this position, but not more so, than such membership is necessary to a patriarchal standing in the Encampment. The cases are analogous, and a Subordinate has no more control over its P. G. in the Grand Lodge, than it has over one of its members when he sits as a patriarch under the shadow of his tent.

The views thus expressed with regard to the independent position of a P. G., go far in explanation of the duty which he owes to his Lodge, and the rights which it possesses over him when he appears in a representative capacity.

A representative is bound to obey the instructions of his Lodge, upon all questions on which he can be called to vote in his representative capacity, which include all matters but elections. Upon an election, the vote by representation cannot be called for, under the provisions of the constitution; his right to vote for officers is a privilege attached to his membership in the Grand Lodge. His representative position neither adds to, or detracts from such right. He votes as a Past Grand, and as such must vote for those officers whose election he thinks will most advance the interests of the Order.

Your committee cannot but think that the change in the term of office, from three to six months, is calculated to be of great benefit to the Order, and feel it as a source of congratulation that the measure was brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by a unanimous resolution of this body. They think that it would be superfluous to repeat the reasons for its adoption, and present but one view, which it is hoped will be conclusive to the minds of brethren, why no change should be made at least for the present. The vote by which the new term

was passed in the Grand Lodge of the United States, was a vote of 42 to 16; among the majority we find the name of every P. G. Sire present at the communication, including that of WILDEY himself, the Father of our Order. A single term has not elapsed since the new law has gone into operation, and is it courteous and respectful, to oppose our opinions to those of the pillars of the Order, without at least giving their views a fair and impartial trial?

For the purpose of carrying out the views expressed in the foregoing report, your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to call a convention of the subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of changing any of the laws of the Order, and that such a course would be disorganizing and revolutionary.

Resolved, That subordinate Lodges have no right to instruct their P. G's. as to the course of conduct to be by them pursued in the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That subordinate Lodges have no right to instruct their representatives as to any vote upon any election in the Grand Lodge for Grand Representative or any other officer.

Resolved, That it would be inexpedient to reduce the present official term in subordinate Lodges, and that the continuance of the same will be of benefit to the Order.

Resolved, That a copy of this report and accompanying resolutions be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the subordinate Lodges, from whom communications upon these subjects have been received.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. LLOYD,

Chairman Judicial Committee.

The foregoing resolutions were taken up *seriatim*, and after much discussion, were severally adopted. The report and resolutions were then taken up as a whole and adopted.

The following protest was offered by P. G. Patten, of No. 5:

The undersigned protest against the adoption of the resolutions accompanying the report of the Judicial Committee, on the following grounds, to wit:

First. Because we consider the right of instruction by subordinate Lodges of their Representatives in the Grand Lodge, in relation to all matters likely to come before them in the Grand Lodge, requiring their action, as *inherent* in the subordinate Lodges, and as one over which the Grand Lodge has no control.

Second. Because we do not recognize the right (assumed by the committee reporting said resolution) of a Representative in the Grand Lodge to divest himself of that character, without notice to his subordinate Lodge, and to assume and act in his character of Past Grand.

G. PATTEN,	Rep. from No. 5.
ALBERT MIX,	" " " 2.
P. O. WING,	" " " 12.
L. F. W. ANDREWS,	

The following protest was offered by P. G. Cooper, of No. 6:

The undersigned P. G's., representatives, protest against the action of this Grand Lodge upon the subject of duration of terms of office in the subordinate Lodges, as contained in the fourth resolution reported by the Judicial Committee.

Because the present arrangement of the terms of office to the close of the duties of N. G. imposes a burden too onerous upon the brethren elected, interferes too much with the duties each member owes to his family and himself, and thereby deprives the Order of the services of brethren who being otherwise well qualified, are deterred

from seeking advancement to the higher stations of the Order.

A. H. COOPER,
Rep. Muscogee Lodge, No. 6.
C. CATLIN,
Rep. of Washington Lodge, No. 7.
E. H. ROGERS,
Rep. of Miller Lodge, No. 10.

The Judicial Committee made the following report on the appeal of P. G. Andrews, of No. 6, which was received and adopted:

The Judicial Committee having supervision of all cases of appeal from subordinate Lodges, by virtue of the duties imposed upon them by the constitution, beg leave to submit their report upon the matters upon appeal from Muscogee Lodge, No. 6.

It is with pain that the committee have investigated the facts of this case, involving an unpleasant difficulty between Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, and one of its P. G's.; and it would have been to them a source of pleasure if they could have referred this matter back to the Lodge in which it originated, there to be amicably settled within its own jurisdiction. But the position which it has assumed under the papers submitted, renders it necessary, however painful, that they should decide the question. A simple statement of fact will put the Grand Lodge in possession of the merits of the case.

Upon the 12th of April, being a regular Lodge night, notice was given by the N. G. of Muscogee Lodge, that, at their next meeting an election would be held for representatives from that Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Georgia. In accordance with that notice an election was held on the 19th of April, for *one* representative, which resulted in the choice of P. G. Cooper. Although another candidate was in nomination, the Lodge proceeded to no further election. Upon the 26th of April, a resolution was

introduced to elect another representative, and P. G. Andrews was elected, On the 3d of May, resolutions were introduced and carried, declaring the election of P. G. Andrews, null and void, and a certificate of his election was refused by the Lodge. From this decision of the Lodge, P. G. Andrews appeals and claims to be admitted to take his seat in this body as a representative of his Lodge.

The proceedings of Muscogee Lodge, on the 12th and 19th of April, are, in the minds of the committee, conclusive of this question.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge contains this provision:

" The regular election for representatives shall be held annually, at such time as each subordinate Lodge shall designate for herself, but must take place at a regular meeting.

The by-laws of Muscogee Lodge, leave the time of election equally uncertain, except that they provide that the election shall be held at least two weeks previous to the session of this body; and this unfortunate deficiency in the by-laws of this Lodge has alone produced this unpleasant contest.

From the constitution given to the subordinates by the Grand Lodge, and from the by-laws of Muscogee Lodge, No. 6, we gather this fact, that there can be but *one regular election for representatives.* Irregular elections may take place where vacancies occur by death or resignation.

The question being left thus open, in the opinion of your committee, the regular annual election so spoken of by the constitution and by-laws, is fixed whenever the Lodge by resolution or upon notice given, (which latter is the custom in Muscogee Lodge) do upon a regular night go into such election.

This motion or notice, when made or given, unless it be otherwise ordered by the Lodge, gives certainty to the by-laws and is of the same force as though the particular

night as fixed by notice or motion had been originally expressed in such by-law.

Upon this night so fixed, P. G. Cooper was elected, and the intention of the Lodge to have but one representative, was conclusively shown. The election of P. G. Cooper, and the determination of the Lodge to have but one representative, never having been reconsidered, the Committee is compelled to the conclusion that such action was final; that the regular annual election was held on the night of the 19th of April; and that any after election, not being to fill a vacaney, was irregular.

Your committee, therefore cannot recommend that P. G. Andrews be admitted as a representative, in opposition to the protest of his Lodge, but do recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. LLOYD,
Chairman Judicial Cnmmittee.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Grand Lodge proceed to elect a chairman of each standing committee, which resulted as follows:

Jno. W. Owens, of No. 1, chairman of Legislative Committee.

Jno. W. Anderson, of No. 9, chairman of Executive Committee.

Thos E. Lloyd, of No. 1, chairman of Judicial Committee.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect the balance of the Committees:

Legislative Committee: J. L. Dunham, R. Wayne, P. O. Wing, J. D. Fish, Jno. Oliver, Geo. G. Faries.

Executive Committee: H. A. Crane, O. P. Felt, E. H. Rogers, J. R. Johnson, L. F. W. Andrews, Geo. Patten.

Judicial Committee: Geo. W. Adams, H. S. Bell, Geo. D. Case, Albert Mix, A. H. Cooper, Charles Catlin.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock.

4 o'clock, P. M.
SAVANNAH, MAY 13, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. The Grand Master having taken his seat, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

The Executive Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

The Executive Committee, to whom were referred the reports of Grand Officers and communications laid before the Grand Lodge on the first day of its annual session, beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee the subject of education referred to the Grand Lodges of the several States, is one of great importance, and recommend that the Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge take the same into consideration, and that they be authorized to act for this Grand Lodge, as they may deem expedient.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Representatives give their earnest attention to the changes proposed in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. referred to in the report laid before this Grand Lodge, and that they be authorized to take such action thereon as they may deem most conducive to the good of the Order.

Your committee have bestowed great care upon the condition of the finances specially brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge in the report of the Grand Master.

In the discharge of the duty assigned them, they have examined the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and find the same to be correct. They have also examined the quarterly reports of subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, and append hereto a condensed statement of the same:

Your committee regret to find that the reports of some of the subordinate Lodges are not made up with the attention which they require, and recommend that whenever the

Grand Secretary shall discover any error, either in form or substance, in the report of a Subordinate, he be authorized to address the proper officers and require the same to be rectified. Your committee find that the reports of "Sylvan Lodge, No. 4," for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 1846, are not attested by the Permanent Secretary. The reports of Muscogee, No. 6, of Washington, No. 7, Cherokee, No. 8, Miller, No. 10, for the 3rd quarter of 1846, are in the same condition. The report of United Brothers' Lodge, No. 5, is without any statement of the amount of revenue. In the summary of the report of Oclockonnee Lodge, No. 12, the names of contributing, suspended, withdrawn, and deceased members, are omitted. The report of Miller Lodge, No. 10, for 4th quarter, 1846, is without the seal of the Lodge. The report of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, for 4th quarter, 1846, is not attested by the Permanent Secretary, and is erroneous in its estimate of the amount due this Grand Lodge, which is stated to be the sum of $15 70, in lieu of $25 07. The report of Albany Lodge, No. 11, for the same quarter, contains an error of a different nature—that Lodge having overpaid its dues in the sum of $0 85.

Six Lodges have made their reports for the quarter ending April, 1847; their joint revenue amounting to $1,921 74; their dues to $134 47. These reports are correct with the exception of that from Cherokee Lodge, No. 8, which is not attested by the Permanent Secretary.

Your committee find that the liabilities of this Grand Lodge far exceed its assets. As much information is yet requisite to the completion of an accurate report upon this subject, they ask for further time for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. OWENS, *Chairman.*

Quarterly returns of the subordinate Lodges, for the quarters ending 30th September and 31st December, 1846 :

Months.	*Names and No's. of Lodges.*	*P. G's.*	*Conb'g. Members*	*Revenue.*	*Relief.*	*Due G. L.*
Sept ...	Oglethorpe Lodge,...No. 1..		274	445 71		4 10
Dec.....	" No. 1..		272	429 97		30 09
Sept ...	Franklin Lodge.....No. 2..		155	226 47		6 40
Dec.....	" No. 2..		161	358 16	245 00	25 07
Sept ...	Live Oak Lodge.....No. 3..		166	296 34	115 00	7 80
Dec.....	" No. 3..		169	295 24	95 00	20 67
Sept ...	Sylvan Lodge.....No. 4..	8	56	166 89	70 00	11 90
Dec.....	" No. 4..		60	125 19		8 76
Sept ...	U. Brothers Lodge..No. 5..		99			30
Dec.....	" No. 5..		105	301 55		21 10
Sept ...	Muscogee Lodge....No. 6..	12	121	278 63	35 00	6 60
Dec.....	" No. 6..		125	307 64		21 53
Sept ...	Washington Lodge..No. 7..	7	234	274 47	152 50	6 60
Dec.....	" No. 7..		246	393 36		27 54
Sept ...	Cherokee Lodge ....No. 8..	9	34	167 41		6 00
Dec.....	" No. 8..		36	82 07		5 74
Sept ...	DeKalb Lodge.....No. 9..		102	236 45		2 72
Dec.....	" No. 9..		102	157 58		11 03
Sept ...	Miller Lodge.....No. 10..	7	142			7 50
Dec.....	" No. 10..		147	180 35		12 60
Sept ...	Albany Lodge.....No. 11..		51	118 50		11 85
Dec.....	" No. 11..		61	129 25		9 05
Sept ...	Oclockonnee Lodge.No. 12..		11	173 62		18 00
Dec.....	" No. 12..		18	121 34		8 50

The following amendment to the constitution was offered by Rep. Catlin, of Washington Lodge, No. 7, seconded by Rep. Cooper, of Muscogee Lodge, No. 6 :

Resolved, That the words "second Wednesday in May," in section 1st, article 9th, of the constitution of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, and the words "first Wednesday in June," inserted.

P. G. Cooper, of No. 6, offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Secretary, at his earliest convenience, transmit to each of the subordinate Lodges in this State, a list of the names and members of all the Lodges now instituted and at work in this State.

P. G. Johnson of No. 9, offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the proceedings of this communication be printed after the receipt of the reports of the Lodges, in July next.

P. G. Cooper, of No. 6, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to the President and Directors of the Central Rail Road for their liberal reduction of the fare in favor of the Representatives attending this body from a distance.

P. G. Bell, of No. 3, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the officers and members of DeKalb Lodge, for the use of their room.

The following report was received from the Executive Committee:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

The Executive Committee having in accordance with their duty, investigated the finances of the Grand Lodge, submit the following report thereon:

At the last communication, as will appear on reference to the report of this committee then made, the liabilities of the Grand Lodge exceeded its means by upwards of six hundred dollars. The committee were then under the impression that the revenue to come in under the seven per cent tax of the new constitution would suffice to discharge the debt, as well as to meet the current expenses which had been so materially diminished by the change in the system of representation. Whether this impression was completely erroneous or not, it is impossible to say, because an entire year has not elapsed since the last session, and the terms being now semi-annual, only two re-

ports have been received from most of our Lodges since the adjournment in August last. The Treasury, therefore, has to meet the expenses of a year out of the income of six months.

The committee, however, are now strongly inclined to the opinion that the ordinary resources of the Grand Lodge cannot prudently be relied on for the payment of the debt. It is true, that since the last communication, all the bills then passed have been paid, and more than half of the representative scrip then issued, has been redeemed. But that portion of the debt of 1846, which is still outstanding, added to the necessary expenses of the current term and of the present communication, increases the deficiency of the Treasury beyond that last reported. Under such circumstances the committee could not justify themselves in recommending a temporizing policy. They believe that the permanent interests of the Order require that the Grand Lodge should at once grapple with the emergency, and, by acts of vigorous legislation, secure the speedy restoration of the solvency of its Treasury.

The committee have every reason for believing that the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction are sincerely anxious to assist in the extrication of this body from its embarrassments, and there is not the slightest ground for supposing that they will not cheerfully submit to any burden which it may be necessary to impose on them for that purpose. With the original causes of the debt, the committee do not consider themselves called to deal. They are long past, and the only duty of the committee and of their successors, is to see to the removing of the effect and the prevention of its recurrence. Let prompt measures be taken for the correction of the evil, and the committee are satisfied that the Grand Lodge, relieved from its shackles, will be able, with proper management, to steer clear of pecuniary difficulties for the future.

The committee now ask attention to the following statement of the liabilities and assets of the Grand Lodge:

LIABILITIES.

To R. W. G. L. U. S., for cards, &c.,	$188 13	
"DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, on bond for $100 borrowed money, with interest, say - - - - -	105 00	
"Miller Lodge, No. 10, a similar debt	105 00	
"Franklin, No. 2, Muscogee, No. 6, and Albany, No. 12, for amounts overpaid, in all, - - - -	67 09	
"Representatives of 1846, on scrip, $236, subject to offsets in the shape of claims against their Lodges, amounting to $72 70. -	163 30	
"Officers of 1846, on scrip, about -	50 00	
"The M. W. Grand Master, for travelling expenses, - - -	60 00	
"P. G. J. R. Johnson, agent, for the regalia ordered to be presented to P. G. M. A. N. Miller, - -	35 00	
"Edward C. Councell, for printing constitutions, minutes, forms, &c., &c., as ordered at last session, -	147 50	
"The R. W. Grand Secretary, for his salary, - - - - -	100 00	
"Isaac Parker for attendance on the Grand Lodge, - - - -	8 00	
"Republican and Georgian offices, for advertising, each $1 25, - -	2 50	
"Expenses of officers and members for the present communication,	253 50	
		$1,285 02

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of R. W. Grand Treasurer, - - - - -	$376 92
Excess of liabilities over assets, -	908 10

But this balance of $908 10 is not all which is to be provided for. To ascertain as near as may be the amount to be raised, the following items should be added:

Expenses of the R. W. Grand Representatives, to be paid in August next, say - - -	$200 00	
Expenses of the M. W. Grand Master's annual visitation, for 1847—8, say - - - -	150 00	
R. W. Grand Secretary's salary, for 1847—8, - - - -	100 00	
Contingent expenses, including printing, 1847—8, - - - -	150 00	
Expenses of officers and members for the communication of May, 1848, say - - - -	500 00	
		$1,100 00
Which added to the $908 10 above, makes, - - - -	$2,008 10	

the amount necessary to be raised during the ensuing official year.

The committee, after due consideration, advise the Grand Lodge to increase the tax laid in section 2 of article VIII, of the constitution, from seven per cent. to ten per cent.; and also to levy upon every subordinate Lodge a capitation tax of 50 cents for each of its contributing members, to be raised by the subordinates in such manner as they may deem proper.

From these sources the Grand Lodge may hope for the requisite amount of revenue, as will appear by the following calculation :

According to the last annual report of this Grand Lodge there were 1447 contributing members in the State. The present number may be fairly estimated at 1600. The capitation tax must therefore yield $800. The revenue of the Lodges for the year ending, 30th June, 1846, was $13,728 73. It seems to the committee safe to estimate the revenue for our ensuing fiscal year, at $12,500 ;—Ten per cent. on that amount will yield $1,250, which added to the capitation tax, as above estimated, will give $2,050, a little beyond the result aimed at. The committee are persuaded that this calculation will prove to be correct, unless there should be a greater falling off in the quantity of work to be done than they have any reason to anticipate. Indeed they might reasonably have supposed that the revenue of the subordinates would materially increase, and that the number of members would, when the capitation tax comes to be paid, far exceed 1600 ; but they were anxious to present an estimate, which if it be erroneous at all, should err on the safe side. For that reason also, they have made no calculation of revenue to be derived from charter fees.

Such are the conclusions at which the committee have arrived, and such are the reasons which have led to those conclusions. Should they meet with the acceptance of the Grand Lodge, the committee will indulge the hope, that on their successors will devolve the grateful duty of announcing the termination of our fiscal difficulties.

The committee recommend that all the bills against the Grand Lodge, hereinbefore mentioned, be paid so soon as there shall be sufficient money in the Treasury for that purpose, and that scrip be issued to the officers and representatives now present, for their expenses. They also recommend that the interest on the bonds to DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, and Miller Lodge, No. 10, be paid at the

maturity of said bonds, and that the principal thereof be paid so soon as the M. W. G. Master may find the Treasury able to meet the call.

To carry the recommendations of this report into effect, the committee append the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the tax upon subordinate Lodges, prescribed by section 2 of article VIII, of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, be raised from seven per cent, to ten per cent., and that this change take effect from and after the 30th day of June, next.

2. *Resolved*, That each subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, be required to pay into the Treasury of this Grand Lodge, on or before the 1st day of January next, a capitation tax of fifty cents, upon each of its contributing members.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue to the Representatives in attendance on this Grand Lodge, certificates of the amounts now due them, which may be cashed by their respective Lodges, and that such certificates when receipted, shall be taken in payment of the dues and impost of such Lodges.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary forward, immediately after the adjournment, an official copy of the foregoing resolutions to each subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. OWENS,
Chairman.

The foregoing report and the accompanying resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

8 o'clock, p. m.,
SAVANNAH, MAY 13th, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, at Oglethorpe Lodge Room, and was opened in due form. A printed circular from Germania Lodge, No. 3, St. Louis, Missouri, was read.

P. G. Bruen, of No. 9, being in waiting, was admitted and the G. L. degree was conferred on him. The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Grand Lodge degree and opened in the Scarlet degree. The officers elect were duly installed in the following order:

Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. M.; E. H. Rogers, R. W. D. G. M.; Geo. Patten, R. W. G. Warden; John N. Lewis, R. W. G. Secretary; J. P. Collins, R. W. G. Treasurer.

The Most Worthy Grand Master appointed P. G. H. A. Crane, W. Grand Chaplain; P. G. John Scott, Jr., W. G. Marshal; P. G. O. P. Felt, W. G. Conductor; P. G. H. S. Bell, W. G. Guardian. The M. W. G. M. also appointed the following P. G's, District Deputy Grand Masters:

For Richmond and Burke Counties,		R. W. D. GRAND MASTER.
For Bibb and Macon,	"	P. G. ALBERT MIX.
For Muscogee, Upson, and Crawford	"	" A. H COOPER.
For Baker	County,	" J. L. DUNHAM.
For Thomas	"	" P. O. WING.
For Baldwin	"	" G. D. CASE.
For Clark and Cobb	Counties,	" J. M. ANDERSON.

The Lodge was then closed in the Scarlet, and opened in the Grand Lodge degree.

The following resolutions were offered by P. G. Lloyd, and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Past Grand Master Anderson for the

able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his official station.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Past Grand Representatives Griffin and Garvin for the able manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Cooper:

Resolved, That it be made the imperative duty of all officers of working Lodges throughout this jurisdiction, so to qualify themselves, as to discharge their duties without the aid of the written word, within four weeks after their installation, under the penalty of their offices being declared vacant.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Adams, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has learned with great regret, the death of Past Deputy Grand Master Holmes, so long an able and efficient member of this body, and deeply sympathizes with Franklin Lodge, No. 2, in the loss they experienced in his removal from among them.

The Grand Lodge adjourned, sine die.

JOHN N. LEWIS,

Grand Secretary.

DR. J. P. COLLINS, GRAND TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. CR.

1846.	Cash Received.	Dolls. Cts.	1846.	Cash Paid.	Dolls. Cts.
Aug 6	To Balance in Treasury,.....	360 38	Aug.. 7	By Cash paid Wiley Williams,.....	34 00
Oct..... 20	" Cash from J N. Lewis, G. S.....	28 15	" 7	" " " Wm. York,.....	8 00
Dec..... 11	" " " Jos. Pelot, for housing, &c.	5 00	" 7	" " " Robert Austen,.....	24 00
			" 7	" " " A. B. Hartwell,.....	28 00
1847.			" 7	" " " Martin Cooley,.....	44 00
			" 8	" " " Locke & Davis,.....	4 37
Feb..... 4	" " " J. N. Lewis, G. S.....	88 00	" 8	" " " P. G. Thomas,.....	92 00
May..... 12	" " " " " " " "	399 51	" 8	" " " Thos. Purse,.....	2 12
			" 8	" " " W. H. May & Co ,.....	10 50
			" 15	" " " Wm. H. Bulloch,.....	4 13
			" 15	" " " J. N. Lewis, G. S.,.....	100 00
			Oct.....17	" " " G. W. Miller,.....	6 00
			" 17	" " " Warner & Hooker,.....	2 00
			1847.		
			Feb..... 15	" " " J. C. F. Clark,.....	28 00
			" 15	" " " Frederick Sanford,.....	28 00
			" 15	" Discount on $10 Commercial Bank Note,.....	5 00
			May.....12	" Cash paid T. O. Welsh,.....	42 00
			" 12	" " " Geo. B. King,.....	42 00
			" 12	" Balance in Treasury,.....	376 92
		$881 04			$881 04

May 12th, To balance in Treasury,..... $376 92

J. P. COLLINS, GRAND TREASURER.

DR. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN N. LEWIS, GRAND SEC'Y. CR.

1846.	Cash Paid,	Dls. Cts.
August....22	To amount paid for wrapping paper,.....	38
Oct 20	" " " Grand Treasurer,.....	28 15
Nov.....18	" " " " freight on cards by express	1 50
1847.		
Feb.....15	" " " Grand Treasurer,.....	88 00
" 18	" " " " fr't on pkge fm Baltimore.	25
May.....11	" " " Grand Treasurer.....	315 51
" 11	" " " " postages to date.....	12 69
		446 48

1846.	Cash Received.	Dls. Cts.
Oct.....3	To am't re'd for dues of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, to Oct. 1.	4 10
" 3	" " " " " " Live Oak " No. 3, to Sept.30.	7 80
" 3	" " " " " " Sylvan " No. 4, " 30.	12 00
" 3	" " " " " " Cherokee " No. 8, " 30.	6 00
" 13	" " " " " " DeKalb " No. 9, " 30.	2 72
Nov 6	" " " " " " Washington " No. 7, " 26.	6 60
1847.		
Jan'y 5	" " " " " " Oglethorpe " No. 1, to Dec. 31.	30 09
" 5	" " " " dispensation for Ridgely Lodge, No. 13.....	30 00
" 5	" " " " cards.....	2 00
" 8	" " " " dues of Sylvan Lodge, No. 4, to Dec. 29.....	8 76
" 8	" " " " " Oclockonnee " No.12, to Sept. 30.....	18 00
" 11	" " " " " Live Oak " No. 3, to Dec. 31.....	20 67
" 11	" " " " " DeKalb " No. 9, to Dec. 31.....	11 03
" 19	" " " " " Cherokee " No. 8, to Dec. 31.....	5 75
" 30	" " " " dispensation for Union Lodge, No. 14.....	30 00
Feb'ry.....10	" " " " cards.....	6 25
" 11	" " " " dues of Oclockonnee Lodge, No. 12, to Dec. 31.	8 50
" 25	" " " " " " Washington " No. 7, to Dec. 31.	27 54
" 25	" " " " cards.....	2 00
" 25	" " " " United Brothers' Lodge, No. 5. to Dec. 31.....	7 46
March 4	" " " " dispensation for Williams' Lodge, No. 15.....	30 00
April.....16	" " " " " " Lanier " No. 16.....	30 00
" 17	" " " " " " Buena Vista " No. 17.....	30 00
" 20	" " " " dues of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, to April 1...	43 20
" 20	" " " " " " Live Oak " No. 3, to March 31.	24 38
" 23	" " " " " " Cherokee " No. 8, to March 31.	3 25
May.....10	" " " " " " DeKalb " No. 9, to March 31.	23 38
" 10	" " " " " " Oclockonnee " No. 12, to March 31.	15 00
		446 48

Savannah, May 12th, 1847.

JOHN N. LEWIS, Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1846, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia is composed of seventy-six members, and has under its jurisdiction seventeen working Lodges.

LODGES.	Numbers	Where held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiations	Rejections	Admit'd by card.	Withd'n by card	Reinstatements.	Suspensions	Expulsions	Deaths	Past Grands	Con'g. Members	Names of P. G. M's.	Revenue.	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe	1	Savannah	Chatham	Tuesday	11	4	4	21			†1	5	16	260	A. N. Miller, R. Wayne,	$1,845 25	†Judah M. Isaacs, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.
Franklin	2	Macon	Bibb	Thursday	24	1	3	16	3	*18	†1	5	13	152		1,291 80	†W. T. Murchison
Live Oak	3	Savannah	Chatham	Friday	29	2	3	8	1	*17		5	15	163		1,256 25	
Sylvan	4	Milledgeville	Baldwin	Tuesday	13	1	2	7	2	*11			12	61		362 34	
United Brothers	5	Macon	Bibb	Wednesday	33	3	1	23	1	* 8	†1	1	9	102		1,161 41	†Henry Ball.
Muscogee	6	Columbus	Muscogee	Monday	36	2	1	4		* 2		1	13	134		973 87	
Washington	7	Augusta	Richmond	Monday	41	2	3	19	1			1	10	257		1,816 57	
Cherokee	8	Marietta	Cobb	Tuesday	11		1	9					11	46		359 63	
De Kalb	9	Savannah	Chatham	Saturday	10		6	14		* 7	†1	2	9	97	J. W. Anderson,	937 79	† D. K. Stansbury,
Miller	10	Augusta	Richmond	Tuesday	15	1	3	11		*15	†1	3	8	128		615 06	† J. M. V. Cooper,
Albany,	11	Albany	Baker	Monday	34	8	1	9		* 1		3	3	72		830 96	
Oclockonnoe	12	Thomasville,	Thomas		27	4	4	7					2	28		612 43	
Ridgely	13	Waynesboro'	Burke	Tuesday	27		8							35		375 00	
Union	14	Knoxville,	Crawford	Friday	19		2	1						25		423 59	
Williams,	15	Athens,	Clark	Monday	19		6							25		385 12	
Lanier	16	Lanier,	Macon	Saturday	9	2	9							23		258 00	*Non payment of dues.
Buena Vista	17	Thomaston	Upson	Tuesday	18		1							24		334 74	
					383	30	59	153	8	81	5	26	121	1632		$14,942 13	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this first day of July, A. D., 1847.

L. S.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, *Grand Master.*

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE R. W. G. LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, I. O. O. F., SHOWING THE RELIEF IN THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1846, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1847.

LODGES.	Numbers	No. of brothers relieved	Number of widowed families relieved	Num. of brothers buried	Amount paid for relief of brothers	Amount paid for relief of widowed families	Amount paid for education of orphans	Amount paid for burying the dead	Total Amount	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe	1	24	3	*2	$279 14	224 33	50 00	55 00	608 47	*$25 00 Burying a Brother's Wife.
Franklin	2	47		5	371 00		50 00	120 00	541 00	
Live Oak	3	46	3	1	358 00	50 00	63 00	30 00	501 00	
Sylvan	4	8			110 00				110 00	
United Brothers	5	16		*3	155 00			80 00	235 00	*$40 00 Burying two Brother's Wives.
Muscogee	6	19		1	350 00			40 00	390 00	
Washington	7	22		*3	330 00			100 00	430 00	*$50 00 Burying two Brother's Wives.
Cherokee	8	1			27 00				27 00	
De Kalb	9	13		2	100 00			27 50	127 50	
Miller	10	9		2	110 00			100 00	210 00	
Albany	11	2	1	1	35 00	20 00		40 00	95 00	
Oclockonnee	12									NEW LODGES.
Ridgely	13									
Union	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Lanier	15									
Williams	16									
Buena Vista	17									
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In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this first day of July, A. D., 1847.

L. S.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, *Grand Master.*

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary.*

9 o'clock, A. M.
SAVANNAH, MAY 10, 1848.

A Regular Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia was held at DeKalb Lodge Room.

Present —

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,	*M. W. Grand Master.*
E. H. ROGERS,	*R. W. D. G. Master.*
GEORGE PATTEN,	*R. W. G. Warden.*
JOHN N. LEWIS,	*R. W. G. Secretary.*
J. P. COLLINS,	*R. W. G. Treasurer.*
JNO. W. ANDERSON,	*R. W. G. Representative.*
E. S. KEMPTON,	*W. G. Marshal, p. t.*
OLIVER P. FELT,	*W. G. Conductor.*
J. W. WHITE,	*W. G. Guardian, p. t.*

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The certificates of P. G's. and Representatives were received and referred to the Legislative Committee — after a brief interval the following report was received.

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the certificates of Past Grands and Representatives, after examination, report:

Past Grands.

John E. Davis, John F. Posey, No. 1, V. G. and N. G.

Walter R. Fleming, No. 2, wants certificate.

William M. Davidson, No. 3, N. G., V. G., Sec'y.; N. Aldrich, No. 3, V. G. and N. G.

T. F. Moore, No. 4, no certificate.

Jacob Fogle, No. 6, wants certificate.

John G. Falligant, No. 9, V. G., N. G.; Joseph Felt, No. 9, V. G., N. G., Sec'y.; H. B. Davis, No. 9, V. G., N. G.

Wm. M. Rowland, No. 10, V. G., N. G.

Henry H. Tooke, No. 12, V. G., N. G.

George W. Taylor, No. 15, no certificate.

Daniel W. Miller, No. 16, N. G.
William Crawford, No. 17, N. G.
Representatives.
John N. Lewis, Edward S. Kempton, Gilbert Butler, J. B. Tufts, No. 1.
Walter R. Fleming, No. 2.
William M. Davidson, James W. White, No. 3.
T. F. Moore, No. 4, is informal.
James M. Bivins, No. 5.
Jacob Fogle, No. 6.
Chas. Catlin, No. 7.
M. Cooley, No. 8.
Joseph Felt, John W. Anderson, No. 9.
Wm. M. Rowland, E. H. Rogers, No. 10.
Henry H. Tooke, No. 12.
George W. Taylor, No. 15.
Daniel W. Miller, No. 16.
William Crawford, No. 17.

Your Committee recommend that Walter R. Fleming, Jacob Fogle, and George W. Taylor, be admitted to take their seats as Representatives without formal certificates of having passed through the chairs of their respective Lodges, being satisfied from the evidence in their possession that such is the fact. Your Committee also recommend that T. F. Moore be also admitted, notwithstanding the informality of his certificate of election.

JOHN W. OWENS.
Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

P. G. M. Anderson offered the following resolution:
Resolved, That the Side Degrees and G. L. Degrees be now given to the Brothers in waiting.
Which was adopted.

The minutes of the last annual communication being in print, on motion, the reading of same was dispensed with, and they were then approved.

Several communications from G. L. New York were read, and, on motion, received as information, and ordered to be filed.

There being two vacancies in the Legislative Committee, on motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to fill said vacancies, and, on counting out the votes, Wm. M. Rowland, of No. 10, and Jos. Felt, of No. 9, were declared elected.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following report, which was referred to the Executive Committee:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

The expiration of another of your official years makes it necessary for your presiding officer, in the discharge of a portion of his constitutional duty, to address you in a report on the state of the Order in this jurisdiction. At no former period have more pleasing circumstances attended the performance of this duty. Just one year ago, you separated after the adoption of certain fiscal laws, which you were induced to hope would be efficient to redeem the solvency of your embarrassed treasury. You were fortunate enough to meet the generous approval of the Lodges from which you derived your dignities, and the work of reform, begun at the session of 1846 by the amendment of your fundamental laws and continued at the session of 1847 by energetic measures of taxation, has been consummated during your recess, and the fruit will be laid before you. Those for whom you legislated have abundantly evinced their correct appreciation of your services by a faithful compliance with the new obligations under which you deemed it proper to lay them. It is reserved for me, elevated to office by you, but representing the whole family of which you are only the distinguished members, to acknowledge, in behalf of the Order in Georgia, the good work which you have done. No truer light can be followed by your successors than the light furnished by your conduct since it has been my fortune to have an opportunity of passing judgment upon it.

On reference to the reports of the R. W. G. Secretary and R. W. G. Treasurer, which will be presented to you this morning, you will be gratified to discover that sufficient means have passed into the hands of those officers to meet every claim which has been presented and to leave a large margin subject to your disposition. From this surplus, the expenses of the present communication are to be defrayed, but after the appropriation of the entire amount necessary for that purpose there will still be a respectable balance to your credit. That you will be ruled by a becoming economy, I have no reason to doubt.

Your receipts have been augmented from a source not to be relied upon with any great degree of confidence, as a basis for your financial calculations. Ten new Lodges have been instituted by my authority. The fees paid for these dispensations, of course, form a considerable item. That from the same source a still larger amount may be received during the ensuing term, we have strong ground to hope, but in the preparation of your budget for the next fiscal year, this reasonable hope should not be converted into confidence. Seasons of monetary distress, greater than the present, may prevent to a considerable extent the spread of the Order. Prudence requires that you should provide yourselves with a permanent revenue adequate to all your reasonable wants. While, therefore, I have no hesitation in recommending the immediate repeal of the capitation tax, which has served its temporary purpose, I am not prepared to advise the return to the seven per cent. regular tax. You however, will have better material for the formation of a correct opinion, than is accessible to me at this moment, and to your judgment I refer the decision. In view of the difficulties which you have heretofore contended against, I will be pardoned for urging cautious and deliberate action on this subject.

The R. W. G. Secretary will lay before the proper standing committee the petitions of the applicants for the new Lodges above referred to, with the accompanying

papers. I am happy to say that nothing in the short history of any one of these Lodges has given me cause to change my opinion of the propriety of giving them existence. I beg leave to recommend that charters be granted to all of them.

You will also have before you an application for a Degree Lodge, by committees of the three Lodges in Savannah and signed also by several Past Grands, not members of the committees. Since that petition was filed, a letter has been sent to my office, authenticated by the seal of Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, desiring that the names of the committee of that Lodge should be erased. Your Constitution looks forward to the establishment of Degree Lodges and certain of its provisions prepare the way for their creation. Were the Savannah Lodges still unanimous in the request above mentioned, I would be anxious that you should grant it. As the matter now stands I consider the propriety of establishing a new engine of the Order at best doubtful. You are well advised however of the advantages of the Degree Lodge System, in promoting uniformity of work, and the objection which I have suggested may not strike you, with the same force. The decision will of course rest with you.

At the last communication of the R. W. G. L. U. S. many matters of peculiar interest arose and were disposed of. The report of your R. W. Grand Representatives, hereafter to be presented, will advise you of such points as they consider most material. To a few subjects only I deem it proper for me to direct your attention.

It was recommended to the different State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to appoint one or more competent brothers, (not to exceed four in any one State,) to visit each subordinate Lodge, and subordinate Encampment, in their respective districts, *annually*, for the purpose of giving instruction in the work of the order. This is a mere recommendation and I am constrained to advise you, (with deference to the body from which it

emanates) against any action upon it. In the larger jurisdictions, the system is perhaps necessary and might work to great advantage. Within your narrow limits the same end can be accomplished, with much less expense, by the frequent visitations of the Grand Master and his deputies.

Several important fundamental laws, were declared by the G. L. U. S. at the same communication. I have diligently made search through your Constitutions, but have found nothing requiring to be altered. Those instruments already conform to the standard as fixed by the supreme Legislature.

With the adoption of the digest you are doubtless already acquainted. It is not permitted to me to express an opinion as to the value of that compilation, taken as a whole; but I cannot do P. G. M. Ridgely, P. G. Sire Hopkins and G. M. Parmenter, the injustice of being silent, on the subject of their portion of the work. That portion was of course the greater part, and I must be excused for saying, that by the performance, the high reputation which each of them has long and deservedly enjoyed, has been enhanced. It is more than sufficient honor for me, to have been to some extent their associate in labor.

It may be found on examination that differences exist between the Regalia and Jewels prescribed in the Digest, and those used in some parts of your jurisdiction. I would respectfully recommend the appropriation of an hour to the reading of that Article of the Digest, so that the representatives of the several Lodges may carry home with them all the requisite information.

Before leaving the subject of Regalia, it will be well to inform you, that the G. L. U. S. adopted a form to be worn by its own members. I would suggest to you the propriety of your depositing with the proper officer at Baltimore, two sets to be worn by those who may hereafter occupy your seats there.

For any other information touching the proceedings of the G. L. U. S., I must refer you to the report of your

Representatives, to whose faithful and honorable discharge of their duties I am enabled to bear the testimony of an eye witness.

I would not be understood as urging upon you the suggestion which I am now about to make; for I should regret extremely to lead you into an expenditure which your means may not warrant. It is of considerable importance, however, that your published proceedings should be accessible to all your members. The earlier pamphlets are now nearly out of print, and a republication will eventually be necessary. The present I am inclined to believe an auspicious time for the republication, as sufficient material has accumulated for a volume of creditable size. I am also under the impression that the expense can be moderated so as to justify you in ordering the publication.

It is with pleasure that I announce to you the good condition of all the Lodges under your jurisdiction. The excitement which carried the Order forward with so great rapidity, a few years ago, has from natural causes partially subsided, but there is abundant vitality in your branch of Odd Fellowship.

I acknowledge, gladly, the zealous assistance which all the officers of the G. L. of Georgia have afforded me, and I commend them to your approval.

In the earnest and confident hope that our beloved Order will continue to prosper throughout the world and more especially to grow and flourish within the borders of your own dominion, I restore to your keeping the charge with which you honored me.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,

Grand Master of Georgia.

The following report was received from the R. W. Grand Representatives and referred to the Executive Committee:

To the R. W. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

The undersigned, your Representatives to the last session of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., beg leave to report that in accordance with their appointment, they visited Baltimore in September last, and attended the regular annual session of that body, and are happy to be able to state that in every view of the case, the Order has reason to congratulate itself on the high and honorable position to which it has already attained.

The Grand Lodge, as usual, was composed of brothers from every honourable walk of life, from the reverend clergy to the humble layman, and from the man of wealth and affluence to the humble tradesman, and yet among the whole number there were but few, if any, who were not more or less men of talent and respectability.

The entire session, with scarce any exception, (although there were some matters pending of a very exciting character,) was one of peaceful and brotherly deliberation; and although made up, as it was, of men from every part of our wide extended country — men of peculiar views on many important subjects, such as religion, politics, &c. &c., still although this was so, yet they met, they felt, they spoke, and parted, as brethren, and no one present at our meetings could have helped perceiving in that body exhibitions of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

We are happy to be able to report the general prosperity of the Order. From every part of our widely extended jurisdiction, the watchword was onward and upward: our numbers are rapidly increasing, and our respectability at least maintaining its former position.

There was a large amount of business before the Grand Lodge, and yet, perhaps, but little which this Grand Lodge would feel particularly interested in. There was, however, some little.

The question on altering the law in regard to the terms was a matter that created considerable discussion, and in

regard to which much interest was manifested; but on the question being put, it was determined to continue the six months' term, at least until it should be well tested, or found to work injuriously.

According to instructions, the undersigned, as the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, opposed a change of the terms from six to three months; and are happy to report that the wish of this Grand Lodge has been gratified in this instance, as in several others at different times, for which, to a considerable extent without doubt, we are indebted to the untiring efforts and influence of our present Most Worthy Grand Master, GRIFFIN, who on that occasion (as on all others) was indefatigable in the discharge of his duties as the Representative of the Grand Encampment of Georgia, and to him do we feel under particular obligations for relieving us of many onerous duties, by which our labours became comparatively light; and yet the interests of this Grand Lodge and the Order in Georgia was well attended to.

We also feel it our duty to say that we found that this Grand Lodge occupied a high position in the estimation of that honourable body, which has resulted, without doubt to a large extent, from the impression made upon it by the high character of its representation from year to year that had preceded us.

Our Order has extended itself from north to south and from east to west of these United States, until not a State, or scarce a Territory, is left where there is not a Lodge of Odd Fellows. Even in the far West, in Oregon, is Odd Fellowship known, and in the Islands of the Sea; in Honolulu, one of the Sandwich Islands, is also to be found a Lodge of Odd Fellows; also in Caraccas, South America, has a Lodge been instituted, a charter for which was granted at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

The Order in Canada is in a very flourishing condition, as we were informed by brother Campbell, a Representative from that jurisdiction, and as we also learned from

the report of the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of British North America to the last annual session of that honourable body.

The setting apart the Lodges in Canada, under a separate and distinct jurisdiction, has already worked well, and evidenced the wisdom of the measure. They are increasing rapidly in numbers and influence, and the signs are very favourable to their extending Odd Fellowship in its purity to Great Britain.

The following subjects, that will more or less interest this body, we deem proper to bring to your notice :

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge was amended in regard to the election of Representatives. Art. 10 of the Constitution, page 296, vol. 2d, providing for the annual election of but one half of the Grand Representatives, by dividing them into two classes — the one to hold office for two years, the other for one year — was adopted unanimously.

In reply to a question by the Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware, it was decided that a State Grand Lodge has not the power to expel a member altogether from the Order. It may, however, order a Subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to the order, the Subordinate must yield obedience.

The Grand Lodge decided that the V. G., in the absence of the N. G., has not only the right but that it is his duty to confer degrees, as well as to fulfil all the other functions of his superior.

The Grand Lodge decided that twenty-six nights' service as an inferior officer was a sufficient qualification for the chair of the V. G., provided the brother, of course, has attained to sufficient degrees and is otherwise competent.

It was decided that the Grand Lodge Degree can only be conferred during the session of that body: the side Degrees, however, may be given by a D. D. G. M.

The N. G. of a newly instituted Lodge shall have the Degrees of V. G. and Secretary conferred, and the V. G. that of Secretary.

Subordinate Lodges have the right to do their work in any order they may find most convenient and best.

The Password can only be given by the N. G., but an N. G. of one place may request the N. G. of another place, to give it to a brother who has his card, but not the word.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, at the session of 1846, to prepare a digest of the laws of the Order, after great labor, reported to the Grand Lodge a full and complete digest of all the important laws of the Grand Lodge from its organization down to that period: a work much needed, and for which they well deserve the thanks of every Odd Fellow. Their report was received and almost unanimously adopted. The same Committee also reported a form of burial service to be used throughout the jurisdiction, which was also adopted.

The increase of the Order during the past year in Lodges has been over 400, and members 30,000; the income was $888,650—its outlay in benefits amounted to $302,243.

All the foregoing is respectfully submitted.

JNO. W. ANDERSON, }
M. WOODRUFF, } *Grand Representatives.*

The Grand Secretary made his report—referred to the Executive Committee.

The Grand Treasurer made his report—referred to the Executive Committee.

Certificate of Proxy Representative from Griffin Lodge No. 21, was read and referred to Judicial Committee.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, altering the time of meeting of the G. L., was then called up, and on motion, action on same was postponed until to-morrow morning after the regular elections.

On motion, the G. L. adjourned to meet at 3½ o'clock.

3½ o'clock, P. M.,
SAVANNAH, MAY 10th, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

The Legislative Committee made a report, which was read and, on motion, received and referred back to the Committee.

The Judicial Committee made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Judicial Committee, to whom was referred the certificate from Griffin Lodge, No. 21, appointing P. G. John R. Johnson the Proxy Representative of said Lodge, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee deem the appointment inoperative and void. The Lodge not having been instituted a sufficient length of time to enable it to send a representative from its own body, of course cannot delegate that power. A proxy necessarily supposes an original, for whom such proxy is substituted.

The absence of any power to send a representative from their own body is conclusive as to their inability to delegate the power to P. G. Johnson.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the certificate of Griffin Lodge, No. 21, does not authorise P. G. Johnson to sit as the Proxy Representative of such Lodge.

THOS. E. LLOYD, *Chairman.*

The Executive Committee made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Executive Committee to whom were referred the reports of the different Subordinate Lodges, report that during the recess they examined the annual reports which are published with the printed proceedings of our

last communication. Considerable delay was occasioned in printing the Minutes in consequence of Lodges not sending in their reports in due season. We request Representatives to see that they are forwarded hereafter as soon as due.

They have examined the semi-annual reports of the the different Lodges ending June 30th, 1847, viz:

Lodges.	*No.*	*No. of Members.*	*Revenue.*	*Dues G. L.*
Oglethorpe,	1	260	968 60	67 79
Franklin,	2	139	741 28	51 88
Live Oak,	3	163	765 93	54 62
Sylvan,	4	62	164 58	11 62
United Brothers,	5	102	736 41	51 54
Muscogee,	6	134	627 87	43 94
Washington,	7	257	791 46	55 40
Cherokee,	8	37	203 68	14 24
DeKalb,	9	97	543 76	37 94
Miller,	10	130	460 31	32 22
Albany,	11	72	501 06	35 07
Oclockonnee,	12	27	322 86	22 60
Ridgely,	13	35	375 00	26 25
Union,	14	26	423 59	29 64
Williams,	15	25	385 12	26 95
Lanier,	16	23	258 00	18 06
Buena Vista,	17	24	334 74	23 43
TOTAL,		1,613	$8,604 25	$603 19

They have also examined the returns ending 31st December, 1847.

Lodges.	*No.*	*No. of Members.*	*Revenue.*	*Dues G. L.*
Oglethorpe,	1	227	529 93	52 99
Franklin,	2	132	423 31	42 33
Live Oak,	3	164	622 88	62 29
Sylvan,	4	59	231 02	23 10
United Brothers,	5	83	323 24	32 30
Muscogee,	6	168	740 60	74 06

Lodges.	*No.*	*No. of Members.*	*Reveuue.*	*Dues G. L.*
Washington,	7	209	639 86	63 98
Cherokee,	8	40	95 29	9 52
DeKalb,	9	109	522 92	52 29
Miller,	10	131	308 69	30 87
Albany,	11	58	129 48	12 94
Oclockonnee,	12	26	94 30	9 43
Ridgely,	13	44	317 80	31 78
Union,	14	39	373 50	37 35
Williams,	15	35	285 75	28 57
Lanier,	16	41	516 50	51 65
Buena Vista,	17	29	195 50	19 55
Holmes,	18	26	408 00	40 80
Hampden,	19	15	212 00	21 20
Warren,	20	15	155 60	15 56
TOTAL,		1,650	$7,126 17	$712 56

The report of the Grand Treasurer and vouchers have been examined and found correct.

In behalf of the Executive Committee.

JNO. W. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

The Legislative Committee made the following report, which was received and, on motion of D. G. M. Rogers, the resolutions were taken up singly:

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master respectfully report:

That the only portion of the address which properly comes within the scope of their official duties is that refering to the application for a Degree Lodge in the city of Savannah.

Your Committee believing that it is inexpedient to grant such application, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That at present it is not expedient to grant such application.

Your Committee having examined the resolutions from various Lodges upon the subject of the reduction of the terms of office, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient to recommend any change in the terms of office.

Your Committee having revised the By-Laws of subordinate Lodges and petitions for charters, report—

The By-Laws of Miller Lodge, No. 10, Warren Lodge, No. 20, Lanier Lodge, No. 16, Penfield Lodge, No. 26, Mountain Lodge, No. 27, Hampden Lodge, No. 19, correct, and recommend they be confirmed.

The petitions for charters from Holmes Lodge, No. 18, Hampden, No. 19, Warren, No. 20, Griffin, No. 21, Palo Alto, No. 22, St. Johns, No. 23, Anderson, No. 24, Philodorian, No. 25, Penfield, No. 26, Mountain, No. 27, are in due form, and recommend that they be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. OWENS, *Chairman.*

The first resolution was considered and adopted.

The vote by Lodges on the second resolution was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS.—Oglethorpe, No. 1, J. N. Lewis, E. S. Kempton, G. Butler; Franklin, No. 2, W. R. Fleming; Live Oak, No. 3, W. M. Davidson; United Brothers, No. 5, J. M. Bivins; Muscogee, No. 6, Jacob Fogle; Cherokee, No. 8, M. Cooley; DeKalb, No. 9, J. W. Anderson, Jos. Felt; Lanier, No. 16, D. W. Miller; Buena Vista, No. 17, Wm. Crawford.

NAYS.—Live Oak, No. 3, J. W. White; Miller, No. 10, E. H. Rogers, W. M. Rowland.

Lodges voting in the affirmative:—Oglethorpe, 4; Franklin, 2; United Brothers, 2; Muscogee, 2; Cherokee, 1; DeKalb, 2; Lanier, 1; Buena Vista, 1. Total, 15.

Lodge voting in the negative:—Miller, 2 votes.

Live Oak vote lost.

The balance of the report was then taken up and adopted, and, on motion, the report was taken up as a whole and adopted.

P. G. Aldrich, of No. 3, being in waiting, was admitted, and the G. L. degree was conferred upon him.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Alabama was read and, on motion, ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA,
MOBILE 2D MAY 1848.

To the R. W. G. Lodge I. O. O. F., of Georgia:

BROTHERS:

I am instructed by resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, to forward you a copy of a Resolution unanimously passed said G. L. on the 21st ult.

I am very respectfully, and fraternally yours,

SAM'L. PENNY, *Grand Secretary,*

"*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge do hereby grant permission to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of the States of Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi, to admit members from this State when any Lodge in those States may be nearer and more convenient than any Lodge in this State."

A true copy:

SAM'L, PENNY, *Grand Secretary.*

The Executive Committee made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Executive Committee have examined the Grand Secretary's report, and find the same correct.

They recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorised to procure two sets of Regalia for our Grand Representatives, to be deposited in Baltimore with Grand Secretary Ridgely.

They congratulate this body on the prosperous condition of its finances — the debts which hung over us so heavily all having been liquidated.

They recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the tax upon Subordinate Lodges, prescribed by Section 2, Article VIII., be still continued at 10 per cent.

Resolved, That the resolution imposing a capitation tax of fifty cents, be and the same is hereby repealed.

JNO. W. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

8½ o'clock, a. m.
SAVANNAH, May 11th, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The presiding officer having taken his seat the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

P. G. H. H. Tooke, of No. 12, being in waiting, was admitted and the G. L. Degree was conferred on him.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

THOS. E. LLOYD, of No. 1, *M. W. Grand Master.*
E. H. ROGERS, " " 10, *R. W. D. G. Master.*
J. M. BIVINS, " " 5, *R. W. G. Warden.*
JOHN N. LEWIS, " " 1, *R. W. G. Secretary.*
J. P. COLLINS, " " 3, *R. W. G. Treasurer.*
P. G. M. ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, } of No. 9, *R. W. G. Rep'ves.*
P. G. M. JNO. W. ANDERSON, }

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Chairman of each Standing Committee, and the following was the result:

John W. Owens, of No. 1, Chairman of Legislative Committee.

John R. Johnson, of No. 9, Chairman of Executive Committee.

Solomon Cohen of No. 1, Chairman of Judicial Committee.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect the balance of the Committees.

Legislative Committee.—D. W. Millar, Jos. Felt, W. M. Rowland, J. D. Fish, W. M. Davidson, Wm. Crawford.

Executive Committee.—J. W. Anderson, Thos. Purse, E. S. Kempton, E. H. Rogers, Geo. Patten, H. A. Crane.

Judicial Committee.—G. W. Adams, C. Catlin, E. J. Jones, J. Fogle, W. R. Fleming, H. B. Davis.

The Executive Committee made the following report which was received and adopted :

The Executive Committee report the following bills as correct :

R. W. D. G. Master Rogers,	- -	23 00
R. W. G. Warden Patten,	- - -	22 00
Representative of Franklin Lodge, No. 2,	-	22 00
" United Brothers, No. 5,	-	22 00
" Muscogee, No. 6,	-	44 00
" Washington, No. 7,	- -	19 00
" Cherokee, No. 8,	-	34 50
" Miller, No. 10,	- -	21 00
" Oclockonnee, No. 12,	-	36 00
" Lanier, No. 16,	- -	44 50
" Buena Vista, No. 17,	-	27 50
R. W. G. Secretary's salary for the past year,		100 00
Isaac Parker for attendance, ice, &c.,	-	12 00
		427 50

We have taken into consideration the recommendation of the M. W. G. Master, upon republishing the proceed-

ings of this Grand body from its organisation, and after mature reflection recommend the same and submit the resolution below. Members of the Order doubtless will desire to possess a copy, and we suggest to Representatives the propriety of opening subscription lists in the respective Lodges for the same:

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Executive Committee have five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization, and including proceedings of this communication, printed and plainly bound, provided the cost of the same is not over two hundred and fifty dollars.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorised to present a copy of same to the G. L. U. S., and each State G. L., and furnish each subordinate under this jurisdiction with a copy.

JNO. W. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

P. G. Bivins of No. 5, offered the following resolution which was carried.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn until 3 o'clock P. M. this day, and that the installation of officers take place at that time, and that the Grand Lodge be opened in the Scarlet Degree,

The amendment to section 1 of article 9, of the constitution, offered at the last communication, (on page 198,) altering the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge to the first Wednesday in June, was taken up and adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.—Oglethorpe, No. 1, John N. Lewis, E. S. Kempton, G. Butler; Franklin, No. 2, W. R. Fleming; Muscogee, No. 6, J. Fogle; Washington, No. 7, C. Catlin; Cherokee, No. 8, M. Cooley; DeKalb, No. 9, J. W. Anderson, Jos Felt; Miller, No. 10, E. H. Rogers, W. M. Rowland; Oclockonnee, No. 12, H. H. Tooke; Lanier, No. 16, D. W. Miller.

NAYS.—Live Oak, No. 3, J. W. White, W. M. Davidson, E. J. Jones; United Brothers, No. 5, J. M. Bivins; Buena Vista, No. 17, W. Crawford.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 3½ o'clock.

3½ O'CLOCK, P. M.
SAVANNAH, MAY 11, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge degree and opened in the Scarlet degree. The officers elect were then duly installed in the following order:

Thos. E. Lloyd, M. W. G. M.; E. H. Rogers, R. W. D. G. M.; J. M. Bivins, R. W. G. Warden; John N. Lewis, R. W. G. Sec'y.; J. P. Collins, R. W. G. Treas'r.

The Most Worthy Grand Master appointed P. G's. N. Aldrich, W. Grand Chaplain; Geo. W. Adams, W. Grand Marshal; W. R. Fleming, W. G. Conductor; Joseph Felt, W. G. Guardian, who were duly installed. The M. W. G. M. also appointed the following P. G's. District Deputy Grand Masters:

For Richmond, Green and Clark, -	- R. W. D. G. M. ROGERS.
For Muscogee and Troup, - -	JACOB FOGLE.
For Bibb, Pike, Houston, and Pulaski,	- GEO. PATTEN.
For Macon and Dooly, - -	D. W. MILLER.
For Crawford and Upson, - -	- W. CRAWFORD.
For Baker, Thomas and Decatur, -	H. H. TOOKE.
For Burke, Jefferson, and Baldwin,	- J. C. F. CLARKE.
For Cobb and Murray, - -	M. COOLEY

The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Scarlet and opened in the Grand Lodge degree.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Johnson and carried:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to have two hundred copies of the proceedings of the present communication published after the June reports are received.

The resolution offered by P. G. Cooper, of No. 6, (on page 206,) at the last communication, in relation to the officers of the subordinate Lodges, was declared to be in full force.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Kempton and seconded by P. G. Johnson, and carried:

Resolved, That the G. M., G. S., and Chairman Executive Committee be authorized to invest the surplus fund in some safe stock or securities, from time to time as they may think proper,

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Bivins, of No. 5, and seconded by P. G. Rowland, of No. 10:

Resolved, That the words "first Wednesday in June" in section 1st article IX of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, and the words "first Wednesday in April" be inserted.

The following resolution was offered by D. G. M. Rogers and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Past Grand Master Robert H. Griffin, for the able, impartial, and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of his official station.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Patten and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to P. G. M. Anderson, and P. G. W. Woodruff, for the ability and fidelity with which they have discharged their duties as Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. Fogle and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to DeKalb Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., for the use of their Room. Also, to the Sons of Temperance, for dispensing with the use of the room, for the convenience of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die.*

JNO. N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary.*

NOTE.—In the reprint of the Grand and Subordinate Constitutions, to be found in this volume, it has been thought advisable to embody the few amendments adopted up to this time. Sec. 2, Art. VIII, of the Grand Constitution, originally prescribed a tax of 7 per cent. on Subordinates, but in the exercise of the power conferred by sec. 4, the G. L., at the communication of 1847, increased the tax to 10 per cent., at which point it is still fixed. Sec. 1, Art. IX, originally appointed the *second Wednesday in May* for the annual communication. At the communication of 1848, this section was amended in due form by substituting FIRST *Wednesday in June* for the original clause.

The alterations of the Subordinate Constitution grew out of the change of term, and will be found in the report of the Legislative Committee, on p. 181–2.

N. B. For Article XI, p. 118, read Article IX.; for "*second*" in Sec. 1, of said Article, read "*first;*" for "*June*, seventh line, p. 120, read "*May.*" Strike out the words "*received and,*" sixth line, p. 222.

DR. J. P. COLLINS, GRAND TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. CR.

1847.	Cash Received.	Dls. Cts.	1847.	Cash Paid.	Dls. Cts.
May 12	To Balance in Treasury,.....	376 92	May 13	By Cash Paid Isaac Parker,.....	8 00
July 20	" Cash from J. N. Lewis, G. S.....	307 23	" "	" " " J. R. Johnson,.....	35 00
1848.			" 14	" " " E. C. Councell,.....	147 50
Feb.....5	" " " " "	1,003 07	" "	" " " W. H. Bulloch,.....	1 25
" 11	" " " " "	383 01	" "	" " " Locke & Davis,.....	1 25
May 5	" " " " "	380 24	" "	" " " J. W. Anderson, P. G. M.,.....	60 00
			" "	" " " N. M. Calder,.....	44 00
			July 20	" " " J. N. Lewis, G. S., for dues to Grand Lodge	
				" " " U. S.,.....	177 50
			" "	" " " J. N. Lewis, G. S., salary,.....	100 00
			" "	" " " E. D. Williams,.....	28 00
			" "	" " " Geo. D. Case,.....	18 37
			" "	" " " Geo. Patten,.....	14 00
			" "	" " " I. W. Morrell,.....	6 25
			" 23	" " " J. N. Lewis dues G. L. U. S.,.....	10 00
			1848		
			Feb'ry..... 5	" " " Bond to Miller Lodge, No. 10,.....	100 00
			" "	" " " " to DeKalb " No. 9,.....	100 00
			" "	" " " I. P. Garvin,.....	24 00
			" "	" " " M. Woodruff,.....	33 00
			" "	" " " C. Catlin,.....	20 00
			" "	" " " A. H. Cooper,.....	33 00
			" "	" " " E. H. Rogers,.....	20 00
			" "	" " " J. M. Anderson,.....	25 00
			" "	" " " M. L. Graybill.....	28 00
			" "	" " " Albert Mix,.....	12 50
			" "	" " " J. J. Jones,.....	28 00
			" "	" " " G. S. Obear,.....	28 00
			" "	" " " J. L. Dunham,.....	44 50
			" "	" " " M. Woodruff, G. Rep.,.....	100 00
			" "	" " " J. W. Anderson, G. Rep.,.....	80 00
			" "	" " " Interest on Bonds and Certificates,,.....	29 32
			" "	" " " E. J. Purse for Printing,.....	116 70
			May..... 5	" " " P. O. Wing.....	33 50
			" 10	" " Balance in Treasury,.....	943 83
		2,450 47			2,450 47

May 10th, To balance in Treasury,.....$943 88

J. P. COLLINS, Grand Treasurer.

DR. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN N. LEWIS, G. S.,—CONTINUED. CR.

1848.	Cash Paid.	Dolls. Cts.	1848.	Cash Received.	Dols. Cts.
			" 22	By am't rec'd of Cherokee " " 8, tax, dues, &c.....	25 50
			" 24	" " " U. Brothers " " 5, tax, dues, &c.....	74 80
			" 24	" " " Union " " 14, tax and dues.....	40 ..
			" 24	" " " Warren " " 20, for books, &c.....	4 88
			" 24	" " " Warren " " 20, dues to 31st Dec.....	15 62
			" 27	" " " Hampden " " 19, " " ..	21 20
			February..... 3	" " " Albany " " 11, balance due.....	3 39
			" 12	" " " Oclockonee " " 12, certificate.....	33 50
			March 4	" " " Washington " " 7, tax, dues, &c.....	169 48
			" 4	" " for dispensation. St. John's Lodge, No. 23.....	30 ..
			" 4	" " " " Philodorian " " 25.....	30 ..
			" 16	" " " " Anderson " " 24.....	30 ..
			" 16	" " " dues Holmes Lodge, No. 18, to 31st December..	40 50
			" 18	" " " dispensation of Mountain Lodge, No. 27.....	30 ..
			" 18	" " " books &c., of Mountain Lodge, No. 27.....	4 50
			" 30	" " " dues of Ridgely Lodge, No. 13, to 31st Dec.....	32 ..
			April 22	" " " dispensation of Penfield Lodge, No. 26.....	30 ..
			" 25	" " " books, &c. of St. John's Lodge, No. 23.....	4 50
			May..... 5	" " " cards.....	12 85
		$2,287 52			$2,287 52

May 10th, By balance due G. L.,..... $10 39

JOHN N. LEWIS, GRAND SECRETARY.

DR. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN N. LEWIS, GRAND SEC'Y. CR.

1847.	Cash Paid.	Dolls. Cts.
July.....19	To amount paid for wrapping paper.....	38
".....20	" " " Grand Treasurer.....	307 21
".....22	" " " ex'ge on check in favor of G. L. U. S.....	1 06
August.....16	" " " freight on package from Baltimore.....	50
1848.		
January, ...10	" " " freight &c. on box via Baltimore	1 54
February, ... 5	" " " Grand Treasurer	1003 07
" 11	" " " Grand Treasurer,,,.....	383 01
March,.....23	" " " freight on box via New York and Express....	2 54
May,..... 5	" " " G. L. U. S. bill vs. G. L. of Georgia.....	171 00
" 5	" " " fr't. and exp. on 2 p'kages via N. Y. & Charleston	3 03
" 5	" " " for paper furnished for last 3 years.....	6 00
" 5	" " " postage on letters and pamphlets	17 55
" 5	" " " Grand Treasurer.....	380 24
" 10	" Balance.....	10 39

1847.	Cash Received.	Dolls.Cts.
June 30	By am't rec'd of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, dues to date,.....	24 59
July..... 6	" " " Buena Vista " " 17, " 30th June....	23 45
" 9	" " " DeKalb " " 9, " 30th "	14 56
" 9	" " " Sylvan " " 4, " 30th "	18 37
" 12	" " " Live Oak " " 3, " 30th "	30 24
" 12	" " " Williams " " 15, " 30th "	27 ..
" 12	" " " Oglethorpe " " 1, Capitation Tax.....	113 50
" 14	" " " U. Brothers " " 5, Certificates, &c.....	80 32
" 17	" " " Lanier " " 16, Dues and Card.....	20 06
" 19	" " " DeKalb " " 9, Capitation Tax.....	48 ..
" 21	" " " Washington " " 7, dues to 30th June....	55 40
Aug.,..... 4	" " " Union " " 14, dues to 30th June....	29 65
" 10	" " " Live Oak " " 3, Capitation Tax.....	81 50
" 18	" " " Ridgely " " 13, dues and "	55 ..
" 20	" " " Muscogee " " 6, 2 certificates.....	66 ..
" 29	" " " Oclockonnee " " 12, dues to 30th June....	7 60
Sept..... 8	" " for disp'n Holmes Lodge No. 18, 30th June, books 4	34 ..
Nov.....10	" " " " Hampden " " 19, " " 4	34 ..
Dec..... 7	" " " " Warren " " 20,.....	30 ..
" 31	" " " " Griffin " " 21,.....	30 ..
" 31	" " " " Palo Alto " " 22,.....	30 ..
1848.		
January. 1	" " of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, dues to 31st Dec.....	52 99
" 1	" " " De Kalb " " 9, " to "	52 29
" 7	" " " Williams " " 15, " & capitat'n tax..	46 ..
" 8	" " " Buena Vista " " 17, " & " "	36 10
" 13	" " " Sylvan " " 4, " & " "	47 85
" 14	" " " Miller " " 10, " & " "	154 98
" 18	" " " Lanier " " 16, " & " "	74 ..
" 18	" " " Live Oak " " 3, " to 31st Dec.....	62 29
" 18	" " " Muscogee " " 6, balance due	124 06
" 20	" " " Franklin " " 2, tax, dues, &c.....	106 50
" 20	" " " Albany " " 11, tax, dues, &c.....	44 50

AMOUNT OF CAPITATION TAX

RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Oglethorpe	No.	1,	113 50
Franklin	"	2,	66 00
Live Oak	"	3,	81 50
Sylvan	"	4,	29 50
U. Brothers,	"	5,	42 50
Muscogee	"	6,	84 00
Washington	"	7,	104 50
Cherokee,	"	8,	20 00
DeKalb	"	9,	48 00
Miller	"	10,	65 50
Albany	"	11,	29 00
Oclockonnee	"	12,	13 00
Ridgely	"	13,	17 50
Union	"	14,	19 50
Williams	"	15,	17 50
Lanier	"	16,	20 50
Buena Vista	"	17,	14 50
			$786 50

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES

COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1847, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1848.

The R. W. G. Lodge of Georgia is composed of eighty-one members, and has under its jurisdiction twenty-seven working Lodges

LODGES.	Members	Where held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiations	Rejections	Admit'd by card.	Withd'n by card.	Reinstatements.	Suspensions	Expulsions	Deaths	Past Grands	Cont'g. Members	Names of P. G. M's.	Revenue	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe	1	Savannah	Chatham	Tuesday	13	1	2	17	3	*30		1	18	231	A. N. Miller, R. Wayne,	1,452 21	
Franklin	2	Macon	Bibb	Thursday	13	3	3	20	3			2	15	140		849 06	
Live Oak	3	Savannah	Chatham	Friday	16	1	1	9		*13		3	16	153		1,209 75	[dues.
Sylvan	4	Milledgeville	Baldwin	Tuesday	16		1	11		* 5			12	64		460 64	*Non payment of
United Brothers	5	Macon	Bibb	Wednesday	9	2	2	9	1	*29		2	10	73		741 51	
Muscogee	6	Columbus	Muscogee	Monday	41	3	6	15		*14			16	152		1,472 85	
Washington	7	Augusta	Richmond	Monday	13	1	1	27	2	*42		5	10	201		1,271 80	
Cherokee	8	Marietta	Cobb	Tuesday	32	3	2	7		*12			11	61		518 00	
De Kalb	9	Savannah	Chatham	Saturday	27	3	4	4	3	* 7	†1	3	12	116	J. W. Anderson, Robt. H. Griffin,	1,101 87	†Samuel E. Smith, fraudulent practices.
Miller	10	Augusta	Richmond	Tuesday	18		4	24	4	*18		1	9	112		797 56	
Albany,	11	Albany	Baker	Monday	4		1	11	1	*27		1	4	38		250 43	
Ocklockonee	12	Thomasville,	Thomas	Friday	7	1		5					5	29		213 65	
Ridgely	13	Waynesboro'	Burke	Saturday	14	5	2	3					1	46		487 32	
Union	14	Knoxville,	Crawford	Friday	18			2					2	41		502 50	
Williams,	15	Athens,	Clark	Monday	18			4					2	39		414 26	
Lanier	16	Lanier,	Macon	Wednesday	30	1		22		* 1		1	1	29		658 61	
Buena Vista	17	Thomaston	Upson	Wednesday	9	2	2		1	* 1			2	35		405 00	
Holmes	18	Bainbridge	Decatur	Tuesday	21		6	1						26		‡408 00	‡Report to 31st Dec., 1847.
Hampden	19	Perry	Houston	Saturday	29	1	1	2			†1	1		31		458 48	
Warren	20	Griffin	Pike	Monday	48	2	3							56		847 40	†Shepherd Rogers, intemperance.
Griffin	21	Louisville	Jefferson	Wednesday	25	1	3	3						32		574 76	
Palo Alto	22	Travellers' rest	Dooly	Saturday	22		17							39		484 25	
St. Johns	23	Lexington	Oglethorpe	Tuesday	21			2						25		428 40	
Anderson	24	Hawkinsville	Pulaski	Monday	9		2							16		185 44	
Philodorian	25	Lagrange	Troup	Wednesday	21	2	5	3						29		455 50	†R. W. Stevenson, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.
Penfield	26	Penfield	Greene	Thursday	13	1		1			†1			17		275 40	
Mountain	27	Dalton	Murray	Wednesday	23	1	1							29		451 70	
					530	34	69	202	18	199	3	20	146	1860		17,373 35	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this first day of July, 1848.

THOS. E. LLOYD, Grand Master.

[L. S.] JOHN N. LEWIS, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE R. W. G. LODGE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, I. O. O. F., SHOWING THE RELIEF IN THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1847, AND ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1848.

LODGES.	Numbers	No. of brothers relieved	Number of widowed families relieved	Num. of brothers buried	Amount paid for relief of brothers	Amount paid for relief of widow'd families	Amount paid for education of orphans	Amount paid for burying the dead	Total Amount	REMARKS.
Oglethorpe	1	20	4	1	*322 25	276 ..	50 00	§ 50 ..	698 25	*$84 75 other relief. §$20 burying a brother's wife.
Franklin	2	6		2	76 00		91 55	§ 20 ..	187 55	§$20 burying a brother's wife.
Live Oak	3	29	3	3	426 00	59 ..	45 00	65 ..	595 ..	
Sylvan	4	4			45 00			§ 20 ..	65 ..	§$20 " " "
United Brothers	5	14	1	2	215 00	114 ..		§100 ..	429 ..	§$20 " " "
Muscogee	6	14			328 00			§ 40 ..	368 ..	§$40 " two brothers' wives
Washington	7	25		5	458 85			§225 ..	683 85	§$25 " a brother's wife
Cherokee	8	2			42 00				42 ..	
De Kalb	9	19	1	3	366 00	15 ..		§ 79 48	460 48	§$25 " " "
Miller	10	10		1	70 00			§ 65 ..	135 ..	§$15 " " "
Albany	11	1			10 00			§ 20 ..	30 ..	§$20 " " "
Oclockonnee	12	1	1		3 50	16 50			20 ..	
Ridgely	13	2			21 00				21 ..	
Union	14	3			37 14				37 14	
Lanier	15	1			47 50				47 50	
Williams	16	1		1	56 45			20 ..	76 45	
Buena Vista	17	2			20 00			§ 20 ..	40 ..	§$20 " " "
Holmes	18									No report.
Hampden	19		1	1		20 ..		40 ..	60 ..	
Warren	20									
Griffin	21	5			14 50			§ 15 ..	29 50	§$15 burying " "
Palo Alto	22	1			22 50				22 50	
St. Johns	23									
Anderson	24									
Philodorian	25							§ 20 ..	20 ..	§$20 " " "
Penfield	26									
Mountain	27	1			9 00				9 ..	
		165	11	19	2,590 69	500 50	186 55	799 48	4,077 22	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this first day of July, 1848.

THOS. E. LLOYD, Grand Master.

[L. S.] JOHN N. LEWIS, Grand Secretary.

NAMES OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF GEORGIA,

JUNE 30TH, 1848.

OFFICERS.

T. E. LLOYD, - - - - *M. W. Grand Master.*
E. H. ROGERS, - - - *R. W. D. Grand Master.*
J. M. BIVINS, - - - - *R. W. Grand Warden.*
J. N. LEWIS, - - - - *R. W. Grand Secretary.*
J. P. COLLINS, - - - *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
ROBT. H. GRIFFIN, J. W. ANDERSON, - *R. W. Grand Representatives.*
N. ALDRICH, - - - - *W. Grand Chaplain.*
GEO. W. ADAMS, - - - *W. Grand Marshal.*
W. R. FLEMING, - - - *W. Grand Conductor.*
JOS. FELT, - - - - - *W. Grand Guardian.*

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

JACOB FOGLE, GEO. PATTEN,
D. W. MILLER, W. CRAWFORD,
H. H. TOOKE, M. COOLEY,
J. C. F. CLARK.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

ALVIN N. MILLER, JNO. W. ANDERSON,
RICHARD WAYNE, ROBERT H. GRIFFIN-

MEMBERS.

ADAM, JAMES
ADAMS, GEO. W.
ALDRICH, N.
ANDERSON, JNO. W.
ANDERSON, JAMES M.
ANDREWS, L. F. W.
AYERS, LEVI
BARNES, J.
BELL, HENRY S.
BENTON, A.
BIVINS, J. M.
BRUEN, C. W. W.
BUTLER, G.
CALDER, N. M.
CARSWELL, W. A.
CASE, GEO. D.
CATLIN, CHARLES
CLARK, J. C. F.
COHEN, SOLOMON
COLLINS, J. P.
CONLEY, B.
COOLEY, M.
COOPER, A. H.
CRANE, H. A.
CRAWFORD, WM.
DAVIDSON, WM. M.
DAVIS, H. B.
DUNHAM, J. L.
FALLIGANT, JNO. G.
FARIES, GEO. G.
FELT, O. P.
FELT, JOSEPH
FISH, J. D.
FLEMING, W. B.
FLEMING, W. R.
FOGLE, JACOB
GARVIN, I. P.
GOODALL, W. P.
GRAYBILL, M. L.
GRIFFIN, ROBERT H.
HARTWELL, A. B.
HUSON, T. R.
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JONES, E. J.
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KEMPTON, E. S.
KING, GEO. B.
LEMMON, D. S.
LEWIS, JOHN N.
LLOYD, T. E.
MILLAR, C. C.
MILLER, A. N.
MILLER, D. W.
MIX, ALBERT
MOREL, JAMES S.
OBEAR, G. S.
OLIVER, JOHN
OWENS, JOHN W.
PARSONS, E.
PATTON, GEO.
POSEY, J. F.
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